



**TARNISHING THE  
BEAUTY OF  
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Psalm 22

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**(Vv. 1-2) David's proclamation of loneliness!**

(Vv. 3-5) David's recognition of God's goodness.

(Vv. 6-8) David's enemies taunting him for misfortunes.

(Vv. 9-11) David's remembrance of God's fellowship.

(Vv. 12-21) David's afflictions expressed further.

**(Vv. 22-31) David's proclamation of God's presence!**

**What Does David Say?**



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- ✓ **Everything David teaches here is true of Christ**
- ✓ **The righteous was persecuted by God's enemies**
- ✓ **The righteous cries out to God during the affliction, and is NOT unheard**
- ✓ **God is not absent!**

**This is a prophecy about Jesus**

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## This is Non-Contextual

- ❑ The Father literally forsook Jesus
- ❑ The Father “turned His face away” from the Son
- ❑ The Father was separated from the Son (Jn. 17:20-23)
- ❑ The Father viewed & treated Jesus as a sinner

## Prophecy of Jesus

# How Does The World Interpret It?

A dark, atmospheric image of a cross, possibly made of wood or metal, standing in a dark, misty or smoky environment. The cross is the central focus, with a bright light emanating from its base. The text is overlaid on the cross.

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Jesus literally becomes a sinner and dies for it

The Father “turns His face away”

The Father literally forsook His Son

So that the debt for sinners could be paid –  
Salvation

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# — Applications For Today

- God did not want distress to fall on His Son but allowed it – *it is the same for the righteous today* (Jas. 1:2-4).
- God did not abandon His innocent Son – *nor does He abandon the righteous in their distress* (Ps. 22:24).
- Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him – *as we are expected to* (Heb. 12:1-3).

