

Sunday July 9th, 2017

150 FOR CANADA'S 150TH FINDING SIGNIFICANCE IN THE PSALMS

Luke 24: 44 – “Then Jesus said to them (the Disciples) ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets, and The PSALMS must be fulfilled.’”

How is it possible that the Psalm writers could be writing about a person, Jesus, who wasn't going to come to earth for another 1000 years?

II Peter 1:21 – “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but man *SPOKE FROM GOD* as they were *CARRIED ALONG* by the *HOLY SPIRIT*.”

* Fantastic example of this is Psalm 22

“Under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David wrote in Psalm 22 of his descendant whose experience would resemble, yet also surpass, his own suffering.” Guthrie – pg 172

I **FORSAKEN** by God – vs. 1-5

- On the cross of Calvary, 3 hours of Supernatural Darkness

* Jesus was bearing our sin, God's wrath against sin (II Corinthians 5:21)

* **FATHER** turned away – **FELLOWSHIP** broken

* Agony of **ABANDONMENT** engulfed Jesus

* “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (22:1)

FATHER, forgive then → my **GOD** (broken Fellowship)

But, **MY** God → relationship is still there!

“This reflects a personal molecule of hope in a seemingly hopeless situation.” MacArthur

II **FIENDISH** insults by enemies – vs. 6-8

* vs. 8 prophesies what the chief priests, scribes and elders said at the cross! Matthew 27: 41-43

III **FORETOLD** in Detail! vs. 9-18

* I am poured out like water – vs. 14 – **DEHYDRATION**

* All my bones are out of joint – vs. 14 – Cross slammed into the ground.

* My heart is like wax – vs. 14 – **SUFFOCATION**

* My tongue sticks to my jaw – vs. 15 – “I Thirst”

* They have pierced my hands and feet – vs. 16 – **NAILS**

* vs. 18 – “they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

Prophetic **ACCURACY** that only the **HOLY SPIRIT** could pull off!

“Psalm 22 is a detailed description of a form of execution – crucifixion – written 1000 years before it was invented by the Persians and put into widespread use by the Romans. Psalm 22 fits the experience of Jesus on the cross like a well-fitting glove.” Guthrie – pg 176

IV **FAITHFUL** Restoration – vs. 19-30 – especially vs. 24

* Is there a restoration at the cross? YES!

* **FATHER**, forgive them → my **GOD**, why have you forsaken me → **FATHER** into your hands I commit my Spirit!

* **FELLOWSHIP**, Intimacy, Total **TRUST**

V **FINISHED** - vs. 31

“He has done it” – Done, Finished, It is Finished

John 19:30 – What did Jesus affirm was finished?

* **SALVATION** * **REDEMPTION** * **PRICE** for our sins

Jesus paid it all – all to Him I owe - Sin had left a crimson stain – He washed it white as snow.

What does the finished work of Christ give us?

* **HOPE** * **HUMILITY**

VI **FOR** You and Me

1. What do we do when we feel forsaken, abandoned by God?

* **CRY** out to God in prayer

* **CLAIM** the promises of God’s Word

2. What do we do when people are sneering and snubbing us?

* **FORGIVE**

* **SEEK** reconciliation

“We are spiritual beings, and science has no answer to something like forgiveness.”

II Peter 1:9 – “For whoever lacks these qualities (faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, love) is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his or her sins.”

3. What are you going to do with the finished work of Christ?

4. What are you, as a believer who has come to Jesus, going to do to share this 5th Gospel, Psalm 22, with others? See also 22: 30,31

Here is the task this week for all of us who know Jesus as our Saviour and Redeemer:

* Find a creative way to share the Good News of Jesus with somebody.

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* Summer Reading Challenge – Psalm 26-50