

## Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

**LITTLE TWIGS:** In our weekly gatherings we engage in teaching God's truth and responding through singing, collective prayer and liturgical readings. We believe it is important for our children to **see, hear, and experience** God's Word and His people responding in worship. In this way we *corporately* seek to raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph 6:4), so children remain in worship and teaching with the adults.

Here are a few ideas to engage your little ones in the service today:

- Each week sermon passages are listed in the handout; before church on Sunday read the Scripture being taught out loud as a family and pick out key words in the passage.
- Have your children listen and - pat your arm, make a mark, draw a circle, or count the number of times those key words come up in the sermon.
- Incentivize success with rewards or snacks
- Pick up a "Little Twigs" plastic tote in the entry way before church.
- Ask your little one to draw a picture of the things they are hearing in the sermon.
- Have your child help with offering.
- After church take your child to "Little Twigs" where they hear a summary of the sermon, ask them what they learned.

## April 13, 2025

### Today's Order of Service:

- Call to Worship: Psalm 22:23-31
- Old 100<sup>th</sup> Doxology
- Reading: The Word Made Flesh
- Show us Christ

### **Teaching: Mark 15:33-47, "The King of Atonement"**

- Collection of Tithes and Offerings
- Jesus Paid it All
- Jesus Thankyou
- Your Will Be Done
- Now to Him

### Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events: (also see website)

April 13 – The King Ressurrected; Mark 15:33-47

April 20 – **Ressurrection Sunday**; Mark 16:1-20

April 27 – The King of the Ordinary; Ruth 1:1-5

May 4 – The King of the Ordinary; Ruth 1:6-18

May 11- The King of the Ordinary; Ruth 1:19-22

May 18 – The King of the Ordinary; Ruth 2:1-7

May 25 – The King of the Ordinary; Ruth 2:8-13

**THE WORKSHOP:** Men's Bible Study. Meet's the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location: 4H Fair Grounds, Church Building. Next Meeting: May 4, 7:30am.

**LIVE STREAMING:** If you cannot attend in person, you can join us by clicking the button on our home page at

**[vineandbranch.family](https://vineandbranch.family)**

**EMAIL LIST:** If you attend regularly and want to be kept updated on church information and events provide your email to Ian Smith; [lansmith@ianlabs.com](mailto:lansmith@ianlabs.com).

### **MISSIONARIES and MINISTRIES:**

#### **Rajan & Helen Nehemiah**

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#### **John & Brittany Bagatya**

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**40 Days for Life:** [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

Please check out <https://vineandbranch.family/> for a more detailed calendar of events, weekly sermon series and study passages, and to access previous sermons on both our website and Spotify.

**MAINT POINT:** Every event in history, and here in Marks Gospel, points the completed work of atonement of our sins through Jesus' obedience unto death on the cross. And we, like the rest of history, can organize our lives with Jesus as the central figure. Because of his atoning work, we are dead to sin... and we can follow him fearlessly, confidently, and full of hope.

**PEOPLE:**

**V. 35 "The bystanders"** continue in unbelief, mocking and reviling of Jesus. This is in contrast with the believing of the centurion, a Gentile Roman soldier.

**V. 40-41, 47 The "group of women"** are pictures of faithfulness and provide and continuity.

**V. 42-46 "Joseph of Arimathea"**, expresses a level of belief even among the Jewish leadership and is used in fulfillment of prophecy (Luke 23:50-51, Is 53:9)

**Summary:** Everyone can and must come to a decision about Christ and His work.

**EVENTS:**

**V. 33 Darkness** = is a picture of the spiritual reality that is unfolding. Physical darkness = Spiritual darkness. Jesus, the light of the world was taking on the darkness of the world. (Ex. 10:21-22 2 Cor 5:21)

**V. 34 The Crying out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** (Ps 22; Is. 53:5-6, Jn 10:17-18)

- Fully God yet fully man, felt/experienced that abandonment profoundly, not because he doubted the presence of God, but because he was *living the absence of the presence of God*.
- Jesus not only quoting this first verse of Psalm 22, but also pointing his followers to the entirety it.
- Proclamation; Ps 22 ends in victory, "*This is the plan of God ... and it ends triumphantly!*"

**V. 35 Jesus Breaths his last** = "*It is FINISHED!*" (Jn 19:30).

- **ATONEMENT** = the act of reconciling sinful humanity to a holy God through a sacrificial offering, which covers sin and satisfies divine justice/wrath (Lev 16:30, Heb 9:12). It restores fellowship by removing the barrier of sin through God's gracious provision (Rom 3:25).
- When Jesus says, "it is finished" He declares we are DEAD TO SIN!
- The resurrection, validates and glorifies what was finished on the cross.

**V. 38 "the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom."** The tearing of this veil from top to bottom declares that access to God is available through Christ's sacrifice.

**V.39 Roman centurion's proclamation "Truly this man was the Son of God"**

- Mark 1:1 "*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*"
- "*Son of God*" in Mark's Gospel, = Jesus' **divine identity, messianic role, and universal Lordship**.
- Centurions' declaration = The act of Christ Crucified is enough to reveal Jesus' true identity.
- Christ Lordship/Kingship is revealed most powerfully through his suffering and death on the cross. (Phil 2:6-11)

Because of his atoning work, we are **dead to sin**... and we can follow him fearlessly, confidently, and full of hope.

1. Exalt Jesus Christ as King of your life.
2. Acknowledge God has made you dead to sin. "IT IS FINISHED" (Rom 6:14 "*Sin will have no dominion over you.*")
3. Follow fearlessly, confidently, and full of hope. (Pr. 24:16)