

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Psalm 65:1-4

Opening Prayer

“O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile”

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Psalm 22

“Were You There?”

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Matthew 27:45-61

Sermon

“A Voice in the Darkness”

Introduction:

I. The Answer to Suffering

II. The Purpose of Suffering

III. The Fellowship in Suffering

Conclusion:

Quotes and Notes

"This psalm of David poses a puzzle. The speaker's hands and feet are pierced (verse 16), his bony frame exposed (verse 17) as he experiences fatal dehydration (verse 15). This is not describing illness or persecution but rather an *execution*. Nothing like this ever happened to David, and the usual cries for justice are absent. It's as if this were a punishment that, though not deserved, must be submitted to. Jesus understood this psalm to be about his death (Matthew 27:46). Here, then, we have something remarkable—a look into the horror and agony of his heart, described by Jesus himself. Reading the psalm is like standing on holy ground."

- Tim and Kathy Keller, *The Songs of Jesus*

"There is a good deal of emphasis in this account on the kingship of Jesus. Verses 11, 17, 29, 37, 40, 42 and 43 point it up. Jesus is royal in his suffering. That is what Matthew is saying. He is also showing that Jesus is innocent in his suffering (4, 12-14, 19, 23-24). He has done nothing to deserve it, yet he suffers death in excruciating agony. In Jesus of Nazareth we see the most acute example in the history of the world of the problem of suffering. Why does God allow the innocent to suffer? Why does he allow such pain and agony in his world? That general question is focused with almost unbearable clarity in the specific question: why does he allow his beloved Son Jesus to suffer in unsurpassed horror on that cross?"

- Michael Green, *The Message of Matthew*

"When Jesus was wearing our sin on the cross, God the Father could not bear to look at the sin or at his Son. He had to avert his gaze. He had to shield his eyes. He had to turn his back. He had to condemn and reject and curse and damn that sin. Christ became 'a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree'' (Gal 3:13). When Jesus Christ picked up our sins, he became a curse for us, and when he became a curse for us, he was accursed by God."

- Philip Ryken, "Accursed by God"

"Man of sorrows what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah, what a Savior!"

- Philip Bliss (1838-1876), "Man of Sorrows"

We are really glad you could worship with us this week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our pastor or one of the elders. They would be glad to help you in any way they can. You can call or reach us at: www.clarksvillepca.org.

For next week: Matthew 27:62-28:15

O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile

O come and mourn with me awhile,
O come ye to the Savior's side
O come, together let us mourn,
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Seven times He spake seven words of love;
And all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men;
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

O Love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!

O break, O break, hard heart of mine!
Thy weak self-love and guilty pride
His Pilate and His Judas were:
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is:
Jesus our Lord is crucified.

O Love of God! O sin of man!
In this dread act Your strength is tried;
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!
And victory remains with love;
Jesus our Lord is crucified!

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'
Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

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