

The Crucifixion Psalm

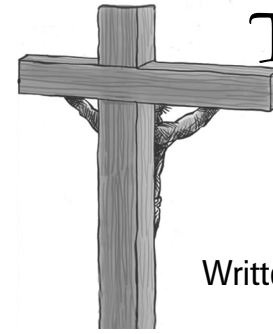
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- 2) It was predicted that Christ would be ridiculed and mocked. Notice the similarity in the language between the prediction and the fulfillment: "...saying, He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him" (*Psalm 22:7-8*). "Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said...He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him (*Matt. 27:41,43*).
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- 4) It was predicted that Christ would suffer unremitting thirst (*Psalm 22:15; John 19:28*).
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