

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



**June 18, 2023 - "Suffering" - #2 in the series Jesus in the Psalms**

**Texts Referenced:** Psalm 22:1-2, 7-8, 16-19; Matt. 27:46; Matt. 27:41-43; John 19:23-25; Romans 8:17-18; John 16:33

1. What stood out to you about the message?
  
2. Consider how suffering is inherent to the human experience and is a recurring theme in the Bible.
  - How has an experience of suffering impacted your faith?
  
3. Psalm 22 is a prayer by King David that expresses his suffering before God. Consider what the paired texts teach us about Jesus' experience of suffering and our own.
  - **Psalm 22:1-2 and Matthew 27:46**
    - How do the words of David and Jesus affirm what we know about feeling abandoned during our suffering?
  
  - **Psalm 22:7-8 and Matthew 27:41-43**
    - Why do some mock the faith of those they see who are suffering?
  
  - **Psalm 22:16-18 and John 19:23-25**
    - What do the actions of others during David's and Jesus's suffering help us understand about feeling abandoned during our suffering?
  
4. **Read Romans 8:17-18 and John 16:33.**
  - How do you respond to the idea that God may not take away your suffering but will transform it into something greater?
  - How do these verses help us understand the presence of peace in suffering?
  
5. How can we pray for you?