

Matthew 27 Study Guide

Matthew includes details of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus that matches in many details the descriptions in Psalm 22. The book *Messiah: The Story of Jesus According to Matthew* points out several but there are more.

READ. Read Psalm 22 and Matthew 27 side by side. Match up the details in Psalm 22 with the details in Matthew 27. Use two columns like the sample below. Use your own paper. Write out the verses. They will not all be quotes from Psalm 22 as the example is.

Psalm 22	Matthew 27
v. 1,2 <i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>	v. 46 <i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?</i>

THINK. This connection of Psalm 22 with Matthew 27 is an example of fulfilled prophecy. (There are a lot of other examples in the Gospel of Matthew.) Why would fulfilled prophecy be significant to the Jews who would read the Gospel of Matthew?

Does fulfilled prophecy have the same importance to you? Why or why not?
