

CHRIST IN THE PSALMS / *Psalm 22*

Both the Jewish and Christian faiths have long believed that many psalms referred as much to the promised Messiah as they did to events at the time. Because the Messiah was to be a descendant of David, it was expected that many of the royal psalms would apply to him. Christians noted how many of the passages seemed to describe in detail events from Christ's life and death. Jesus himself frequently quoted from Psalms. Almost everything that happened at the Crucifixion and most of Jesus' words during his final hours were prophesied in Psalms.

The following is a list of the main references in Psalms pertaining to Christ.

Reference in Psalms	Reference to Christ	Fulfillment in the New Testament
2:7	The Messiah will be God's Son	Hebrews 1:5-6
16:8-10	He will rise from the dead	Luke 24:5-7
22:1-21	He will experience agony on the cross	Matthew 26; 27
22:15	He thirsts while on the cross	John 19:28
22:18	Evil men throw dice for his clothing	Matthew 27:35; John 19:23-24
22:22	He will declare God's name	Hebrews 2:12
34:20	His bones would not be broken	John 19:36-37
40:6-8	He came to do God's will	Hebrews 10:5-7
41:9	His close friend would betray him	Luke 22:48
45:6-7	His throne will last forever	Hebrews 1:8-9
68:18	He ascended into heaven	Ephesians 4:8-10
69:9	He is zealous for God	John 2:17
69:21	He was offered vinegar for his thirst on the cross	Matthew 27:48
89:3-4, 35-36	He will be a descendant of David	Luke 1:31-33
96:13	He will return to judge the world	1 Thessalonians 1:10
110:1	He is David's son and David's Lord	Matthew 22:44
110:4	He is the eternal priest-king	Hebrews 6:20
118:22	He is rejected by many but accepted by God	1 Peter 2:7-8