**Introduction**

* Crucifixion Psalm – (~1000 years before Christ)
* Written by David – (Contains specific details of the crucifixion of Christ)

**He was forsaken while others are delivered v1-5**

* Prayed by Jesus from the cross
  + Matthew 27:46 “*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?”*
* Common Question: Thought Jesus knew this was going to happen?
  + Old Testament did not originally contain Chapters and Verses
  + Common practice was to reference something familiar – (Moses and the burning bush)
    - Christ is connecting Him on the cross to Psalm 22
* This also further supports the Holiness of God v2-3
  + A Holy God does not accept sin – (This is contextually consistent throughout scripture)
    - Isaiah 59:2 “*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear”*
  + Christ became sin on our behalf
    - 2 Co 5:21 “*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”*
* Others are delivered v4-5
  + Christ died so others may live

**He was rejected by the people v6–8**

* Despised v6
* They shoot out the lip v7
* Shake the head v7
  + Matthew 27:39 “*And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads”*
* Let him deliver him v8
  + Matthew 27:42-43 “*He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God”*

**Powerful people gathered against Him v11-13**

* Surrounded by bulls v12
  + Matthew 27:1 “*When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:”*
* Ravening and a roaring lion v13
  + Matthew 26:3-4 “*Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him”*

**Extremely detailed description of someone being crucified v14-16**

* Poured out like water
  + John 19:34 “*But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water”*
* Bones out of joint
* Heart failure
* Dehydrated
* Jaw clenching
* Death
* Hands and feet pierced

**Public execution before a crowd v16-17**

* Description of being surrounded

**They take and gamble for His clothes v18**

* Matthew 27:35 “*And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that is might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots”*

**Impacts the world v27-31**

* Over 2000 years later we are having a class on Jesus – (Think about the impact of Christ)

**The “Worm” in v6**

* Remez = Hidden message or deeper meaning
  + Worm in Hebrew is *rimmah*, However, here the word used is *‘tola’ath’*
    - *Tola’ath =* maggot or Crimson, Scarlet - worm - (Colors of Blood)
    - With this specific word we find a direct correlation with Christ on the Cross

**The Life Cycle of the Crimson Worm**

* The life cycle of the worm is where we find the direct correlation with Christ on the Cross
  + 1). When the worm is ready to lay eggs (which happens only once in her life)
    - she climbs up a tree and attaches herself to it.
  + 2). Once body is attached to the wood, a hard crimson shell forms
    - Can only be removed by tearing apart the body which kills the worm
  + 3). The worm lays eggs under its body (protective shell)
    - The larvae hatch and remain under the protective shell
    - The baby worms feed on the body of the mother worm
  + 4). Worm then dies and the body excretes a crimson or scarlet dye that stains what it touches
    - The wood its attached too - Stained
    - The babies under its protective shell – Stained
  + 5). Worm then changes from crimson to a snow white wax that appears like wool

**What Does Psalm 22v6 Mean: *“I am a Worm”***

* Just as the worm attaches to the tree (Once)
  + Jesus put himself on a wooden cross (Once)
    - Hebrews 10:10 “*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”*
* Just as the worms actions on the tree make a way for a family
  + What Jesus did on the cross allows us to join the family
    - Romans 8:17 “*And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint- heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together”*
* Just as when the worms body is tore apart it excretes a crimson dye that covers the babies and stains them
  + Jesus was bruised/crushed for our iniquities
    - 1 Corinthians 15:3 “*for I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures”*
  + His death brought forth His blood that covers our sin and marks us
    - Rev 1:5 *“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood”*
* Just as the baby worm is dependent on the mother worm for the crimson dye to give it life and to mark it
  + A repentant sinner must depend on the blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, to receive new life, and be marked as His own
    - Acts 4:12 “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”*
    - 1 Pet 1:18-19 “*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”*
* Just as the worm changes from a crimson red to white wool color
  + A repented sinner covered in the blood is white as snow
    - Isa 1:18 “*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool”*

**Closing**

Charles Spurgeon wrote, “There is a little red worm which seems to be nothing else but blood when it is crushed. It seems all gone except a blood-stain and the Savior, in the deep humiliation of His spirit, compares Himself to that little red worm. How true it is that ‘He made Himself of no reputation’ for our sakes! He emptied Himself of all His Glory and, if there is any glory natural to manhood, He emptied Himself even of that! Not only the glories of His Godhead, but the honors of His Manhood He laid aside that it might be seen that ‘though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor.’”