

The Final Words of Jesus:
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
March 22, 2026

Matthew 27:45-50 - From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

Jesus carried our weight (Isaiah 53:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

The cross shows us two things:

1. The seriousness of sin
2. The depth of Jesus’ willingness to carry what we could not carry ourselves

Jesus fulfilled God’s Word (Psalm 22:1, 27)

	Psalm	Matthew
<u>Mocking and Insults</u>	Psalm 22:7-8 - “All who see me mock me... He trusts in the Lord, they say”	Matt 27:39-43 - “Those who passed by hurled insults at him... He trusts in God. Let God rescue him...”
<u>Physical suffering</u>	Psalm 22:14-17 – Bones out of joint, strength dried up	Matt 27 – Carrying the cross, crown of thrones, struck in the head with a staff
<u>Pierced hands and feet</u>	Psalm 22:16 – “They pierce my hands and feet”	Matt 27 – The act of crucifixion on the cross requires piercing of hands and feet
<u>Clothing divided</u>	Psalm 22:18 – The casting lots for garments	Matt 27:35 – Soldiers divided Jesus’ clothes by casting lots

Jesus pointed to God’s Kingdom (Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; Revelations 7:9-10)

- You are living in the fulfillment of that vision.
- The cross doesn’t just change your eternity—it changes your purpose today.

Big Idea: Jesus carried what we couldn’t, fulfilled what was promised, and pointed to what is coming.

Reflections:

1. Do I see the events of my life as random, or do I trust that God is still at work according to His plan revealed in Scripture (Psalm 22)?
2. In what specific area of my life is God inviting me to live for His kingdom instead of just my own goals?
3. What is one step I can take this week to move from simply believing in Jesus to actively participating in what He is doing?

Welcome to HOME Church

Thank you for attending HOME Church. If you are looking for a church to call HOME, feel free to connect with us. Details are on our website at www.ourhomechurch.ca, OR the welcome card in the seat in front of you.

Upcoming News + Notes:

Summer Getaway at Summit Pacific College (formerly Summer Camp) on July 3-5, 2026. Save the dates! Details on the church website.

Easter at HOME Church

Good Friday Services (April 3). Cantonese at 9:30 am. English at 11:00 am. All are welcome.

Easter Services (April 5). Regular times. Water baptism is available. Talk to one of the pastors for details.

Cantonese Evergreen Gathering on March 26. Please sign up today or connect with Pastor Paul.

Young Careers Home Group is inviting everyone between the ages of 25-35 to our launch dinner party on Sunday, April 12. Dinner is provided. We will be discussing what the home group will look like when it launches in May. Talk to Pastor Vincent for more details and location.

Bible Tour: Footsteps of the Ancient Followers of Jesus in Italy. October 6-16, 2026, with Pastor Andy + Annick. Details on the church website and app.

Pastor Andy is away from March 16-22. For all pastoral matters, please contact Pastor Paul or Pastor Vincent.

Giving Options at HOME Church. Our preferred way of giving is through e-transfer debit. You can set this up with your banking platform by giving at give@ourhomechurch.ca. Please make cheques out to "HOME Church". All details are on our website. **Thank you** for your continued generosity and support of HOME Church's mission and vision.

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Thank you for your support during the church renovations.