

Life assured

A meaningful death

John 19:28–37

Introduction

(a royal death—Psalm 22)

1. A purposeful death

‘It is finished’

Psalm 69:9 ‘the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me’ ...

20 ‘...reproaches have broken my heart ...’

21 ‘...they gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink’

2. A definite death

‘The Day of Preparation’ = preparation for the Sabbath (ie Friday)

3. A sacrificial, sin-bearing death

Exodus 12:46 ‘it shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones’.

Zechariah 12:10 ‘when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child ...’

Zechariah 13:1 ‘On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.’

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

John tells us that he writes these things as eyewitness ‘so that you may believe’.

- What does John want us to believe?
- In what ways does what John write help you to believe these things?