

Series Title: Awake My Soul

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✠ Opening our minds...

- **Ever had experience where you saw something you had seen many times... for FIRST TIME? Almost like your MIND WAS OPENED TO SEE something always there, but you had missed, not recognized? EXAMPLE?**
- **Perhaps greatest example of this was disciples, who after Jesus' resurrection, saw him as God, the messiah... for the first time.**

Luke 24:36-39, 44-45 While they were still talking about this (that Jesus had risen), Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

- **Physical evidence! Then he showed them the evidence that had always been there, but they hadn't seen**

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

- **As believers, this is why we go to the scripture- and our prayer AS we go to the scriptures- that God would OPEN OUR MINDS to see his word- his revelation of himself- to us. PRAY HERE!!!**
- **When we see evidence in OT of something that would come to pass in the NT, what do we call that? PROPHECY. Isaiah may be most famous prophetic book regarding birth/death of Christ, but THE MOST QUOTED Book in OT by Jesus is in fact the PSALMS.**
- **We call these psalms that point to Jesus 'Messianic Psalms', and they were obviously important to NT writers. In fact, Psalms are referenced over 100 times in NT. BUT WHY IMPORTANT TO US?**

✠ Why are the *messianic Psalms* so important to us?

- They testify to the Truth and INSPIRATION of scripture
 - **People of faith, but not blind faith. The psalms are powerful testimony of evidence of truth and ins...**
- They testify to the continued significance of the OLD TESTAMENT
 - **Being eroded in our day. Needs to be interpreted through lens of NC, but of incredible significance**
- They testify to the DIVINITY of Jesus **THAT HE IS GOD**
 - **In Christ we see clear fulfillment of these prophetic psalms, and the nature- content- of these psalms describe the messiah as one who could only be God.**
- They testify to the SOVEREIGNTY of God
 - **That God is in control. God's big picture. He has plan**

Reality! The messianic Psalms are encouraging not only because of their fulfillment IN Christ, but because of what they teach us ABOUT Christ.

- **In the psalms we see a compelling portrait of who Jesus is- as both man and GOD, the nature of his relationship with God, the nature of his love for us.**
- **Multiple different kinds/forms of these Psalms that point to Jesus- We will just look at FOUR- and these overlap each other- could be huge study, we are looking simply...**

✠ Psalms that take on new meaning looking back from Christ

- **Almost certain that original writer didn't understand who they were writing about.**
- **Psalm 89- at first glance is describing David, but now, looking back, is describing Jesus.**

Psalm 89:27 *And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.*

Colossians 1:18 *And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

– **107- describing God as provider and protector...**

Psalm 107:28-29 *Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. ²⁹ He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.*

Mark 4:35-41 ³⁸ *Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"*

- **What do these tell us about Jesus? He is God! He is supreme, he is in control, he is to be seen with awe and wonder. IMAGINE disciples looking back...**

✠ Psalms about Christ that are referenced and interpreted by the New Testament

Psalm 40:7-8 *Sacrifice and offering you did not desire- but my ears you have opened- burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, "Here I am, I have come- it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."*

Hebrews 10:5-7 *Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll- I have come to do your will, my God.'"*

- **Think back to Psalm 51/last week. Ritualistic sacrifice and worship has no power, no value. BUT, 51 ended saying that sacrifice that is sincere, that flows from complete dependence upon God, this is what God desires. JESUS IS THAT SACRIFICE**

Psalm 110:1 *The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."*

- **Quoted four times in NT referring to Jesus. One is..**

Hebrews 10:12-14 *But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

- **What do these tell us about Jesus? Through the cross, He has triumphed over God's enemies. He has triumphed over sin, over death, made complete and total forgiveness possible, because of his sacrifice... for US. This leads to...**

✠ Psalms that prophesy Christ's suffering and crucifixion

- **Like the prophecies of Christ we find in Isaiah, these psalms have a power unto themselves, when we see the accuracy of their description of Jesus suffering...**
- **As I walk us through these, remember, these were written approximately 1000 years before Christ**

Psalm 41:7-9 *All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying, ⁸ “A vile disease has afflicted him; he will never get up from the place where he lies.”*

⁹ *Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me.*

John 13:18, 25-26 *Jesus: “I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: ‘He who shared my bread has turned against me.’”²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he (John) asked him, “Lord, who is it?”²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.*

Psalm 22:1 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?*

Matthew 27:46 *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?”).*

Psalm 22:3 6-7 *But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.⁷ All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.*

Matt 27:38-39 *Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads*

Psalms 22:8 *“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”*

Matthew 27:40-43 *and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!”⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.⁴² “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”*

Psalm 22:14 *I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.*

John 19:33-34 *But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.*

Psalm 34:20 *he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.*

John 19:36 *These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,”*

Psalm 22:15 *My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.¹⁶ Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.¹⁷ All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.*

John 19:37 *and, as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.”*

Psalm 22:18 *They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.*

John 23-24 *When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did.*

Psalm 69:19-21 *You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you. ²⁰ Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none.*

Matthew 26:55-56 *In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.*

Psalm 69:21 *They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*

Matthew 27:34, 48 ³⁴ *There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it.*

⁴⁸ *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.*

– **THEN, at the end of psalm 22, we see the ultimate result of what Jesus accomplished on the cross**

Psalm 22:27-31 *All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him- those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!*

Philippians 2:9-11 *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

– **WHAT DO THESE TEACH US ABOUT JESUS! HE LOVES THE FATHER, and his greatest expression of his LOVE for his FATHER is his love for US!**

– **Lastly, look at Psalm 16... beautiful picture of...**

✠ **Psalm 16: Jesus relationship with His Father and prophesying the Resurrection**

– **How did Jesus live his life? In complete dependence upon His father. Imagine Jesus, in midst of the life he lived, when he went up to pray, confessing...**

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7 *Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.*

² *I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”*

⁵ *LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.*

⁷ *I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

- **IN NT, Jesus was being attacked by religious rules for breaking their rules about the Sabbath- they were accusing him of doing work, IE, healing, caring.**
- **In reply Jesus basically said “your problem isn’t with me, it is with God”... and capturing the essence of Psalm 16...**

John 5:19 *Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*

- **But how do we know that Psalm 16 is about Jesus? Because of what follows..**

Psalm 16:9 *Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.*

- **Reference to resurrection- quoted five times in Acts.**
- **In Acts 13, Paul is speaking in a synagogue, on the Sabbath, in the city of Psidian Antioch, modern day Turkey. He said, quoting from both Psalm 2 & 16...**

Acts 13:32-35 *“We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: “‘You are my son; today I have become your father.’ ³⁴ God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said, “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’ ³⁵ So it is also stated elsewhere: “‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’”*

- **FRIENDS, what do we learn? From THE BEGINNING, 3000 years ago to creation, God has always had a plan for the redemption of his creation- of you and me- and it has always been JESUS.**
- **To quote the great Keith Green... IT IS FINISHED. HE HAS DONE IT! LIFE CONQUERED DEATH, JESUS CHRIST... HAS DONE IT!**
- **AND SO WE FINISH with the close of Psalm 16... this was the heart of Jesus, and through our faith, walk, and work of Holy Spirit living within us, it will be our heart as well...**

Psalm 16: 11 *You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand*