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Where in the world was King David ever up being executed? Where did he have a public trial? Where was he executed? We know more about David's life than any other figure of ancient history/antiquity, and there's nothing about this there.

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## Mark 15:33–34, 37

33 At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”)...37 With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

How can this be? By the power of the Holy Spirit, he got prophetic insight into a Greater David, who was going to go through a greater suffering, a greater abandonment by God, a greater deliverance that would lead to an everlasting kingdom. In other words, when Jesus cried this out on the cross, he says, “There’s absolutely no possible way to make any sense of Psalm 22 unless you understand it’s about me, and you will only be able to make sense of me if you understand Psalm 22.”

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For Jesus, feeling abandoned by God wasn't just a feeling. In some way, no scholar has satisfactorily explained:  
**God forsook Jesus.**

On the cross, Jesus experienced our hell, the pouring out of the wrath of God on our sin onto Him. He experienced both bodily and spiritual separation from God so that we wouldn't.

Eric Mason, founder and pastor of Epiphany Fellowship in Philadelphia, PA

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I know insults. I know mockery. I know ridicule. I know scorn. I know brutality. I know the feeling of being surrounded, of being outnumbered, of carrying a cross.

I know dehumanization. I know the experience of being treated as less than. I know the feeling of being unheard, of crying out for deliverance, for salvation, and not being spared from pain and suffering.

I know the humiliation of being stripped naked, of being exposed at my most vulnerable moment. I know the experience of being pinned, of being fastened, of being held down. I know what it's like to offer myself to those who should know better, who should see me for who I am, but who don't. I know rejection. I know abandonment. I know the feeling of being pierced. I know what it's like to be killed.

I have done this. I have gone through this. I  
have fulfilled my vows to save.

I did this so you would know I do not  
despise or scorn the suffering of the afflicted  
one; I've not hidden my face from you but have  
heard your cry for help.

I have done this that the poor and rich would eat and be filled. I have done this for those who are near and for those far off. I have done this for the one and for the many, for my son, for my daughter, and for all the families of the world. Tell it in the city and in the country, in your nation and throughout the nations of the world.

I have done this so you may not die but live  
forever!

I will deliver. I will save. Tell everyone now.

Let the earth hear and be glad.

Future generations must be told. They too  
must hear that I have done it. Tell them!

They are not alone. I hear them. I see them.

I save them. I save you. I have done it.

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.