

Psalms of
MESSIAH

*my God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?*

Psalm 82:6

John 10:34 NIV

Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods"'?"

Matthew 21:42 NIV

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Psalm
118:22-23

Psalm 41:9

John 13:18b NIV

"But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned against me.'"

Matthew 22:44 NIV

"The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.'"

Psalm
110:1

Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



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 22:1-2 NIV

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning."
A psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?

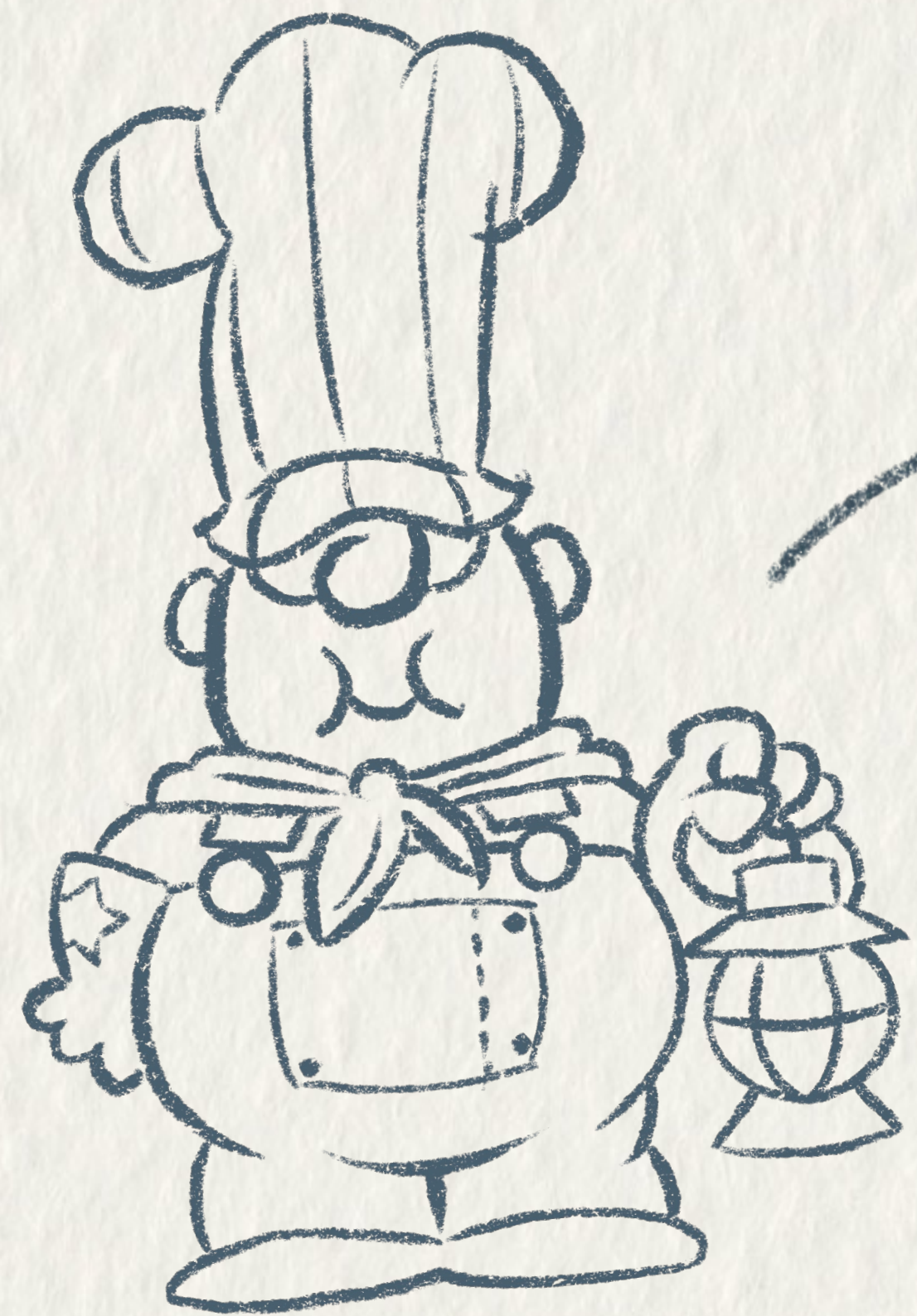
² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:3-5 NIV

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.



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Mark 9:22-24 NIV

"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him.
But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³ "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Psalm 22:6-8 NIV

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.

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say,
"let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."

Psalm 22:9-10 NIV

Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.
¹⁰ From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Psalm 22:11 NIV

Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

Psalm 22:12-18 NIV

Many bulls surround me;

strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against me.

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.

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.

¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

Psalm 22:19-21 NIV

But you, LORD, do not be far from me.

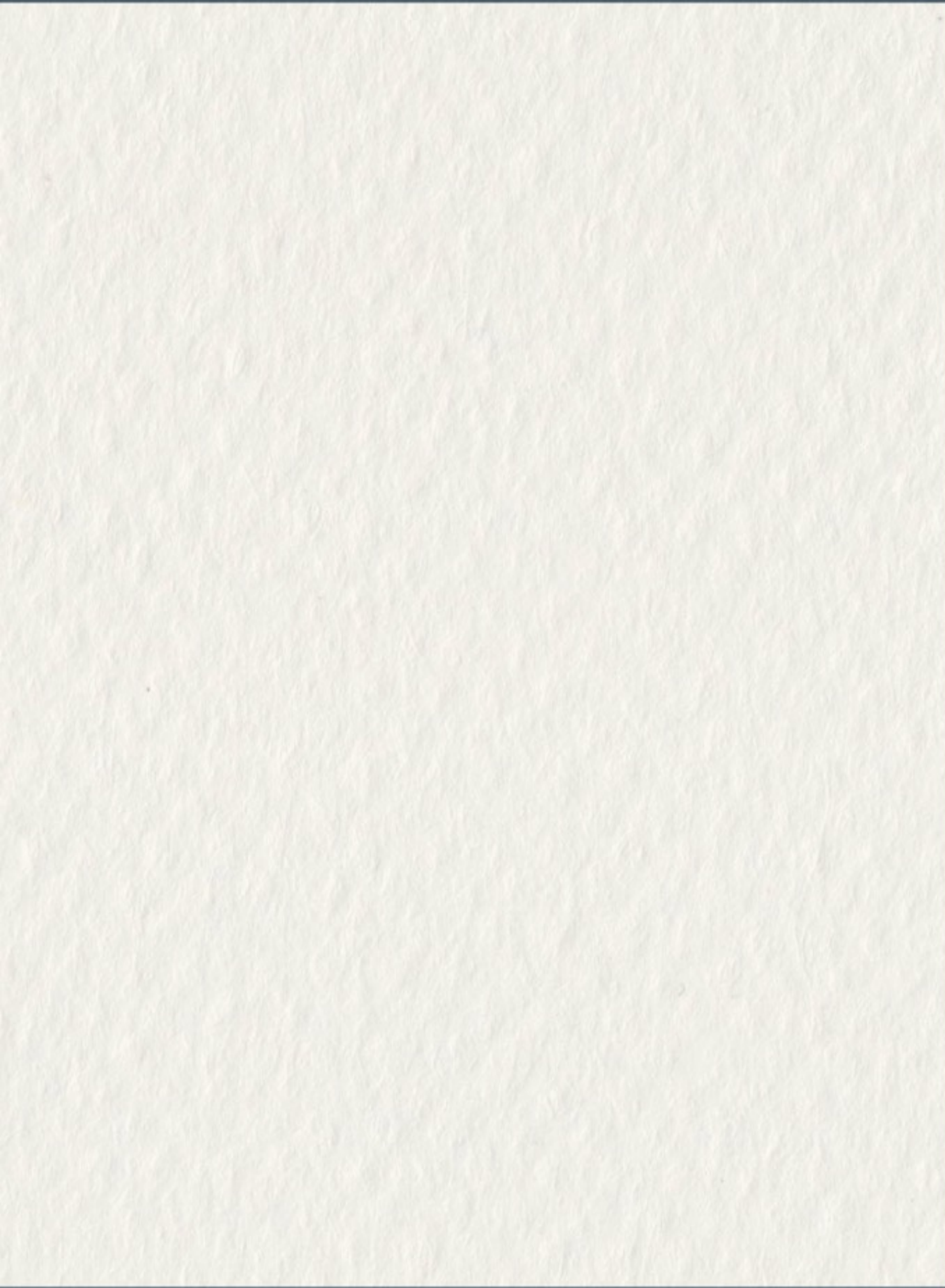
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,

my precious life from the power of the dogs

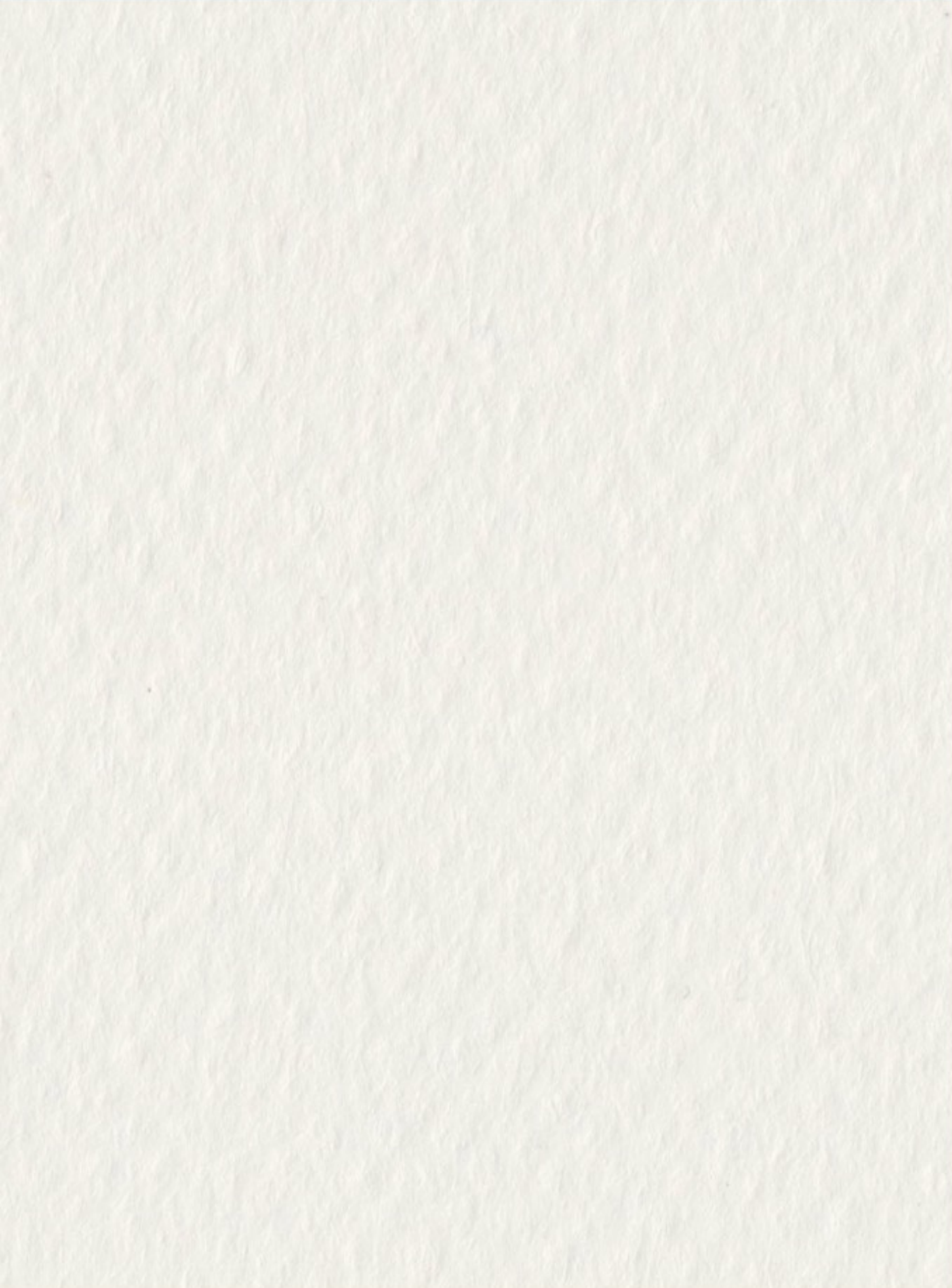
²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

save me from the horns of the wild oxen



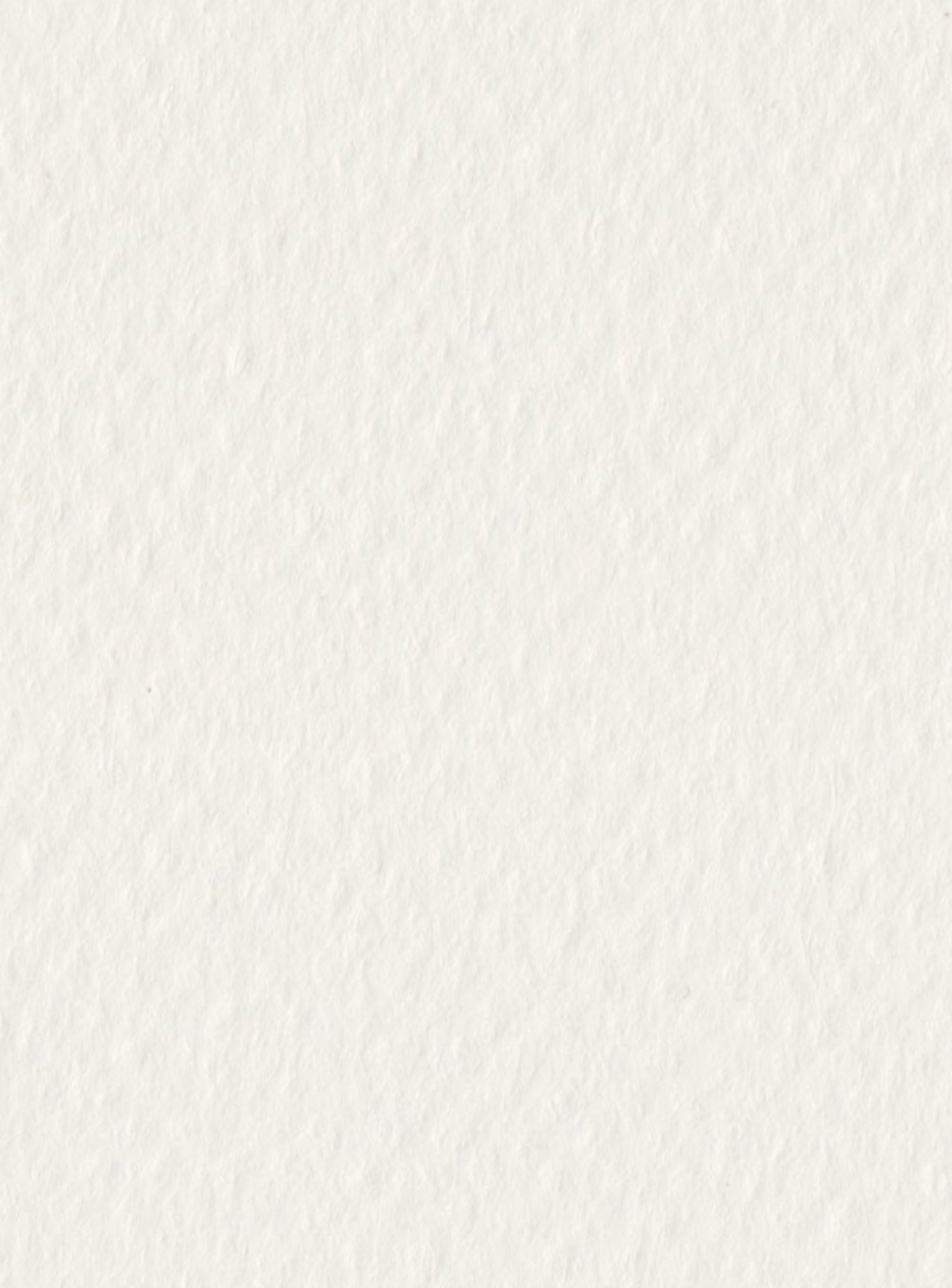
“This means that David used many poetic expressions to portray his immense sufferings, but these poetic words became literally true of the suffering of Jesus Christ at his enemies’ hands...”

- Allen P. Ross, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*



“...The interesting feature of this psalm is that it does not include one word of confession of sin, and no imprecation against enemies. It is primarily the account of a righteous man who was being put to death by wicked men.”

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“God forsook Him by withholding His help and abandoning Him to the power of men, who in their unrestrained cruelty seemed to have lost their humanity and become vicious animals.”

- H.N. Ridderbos

Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

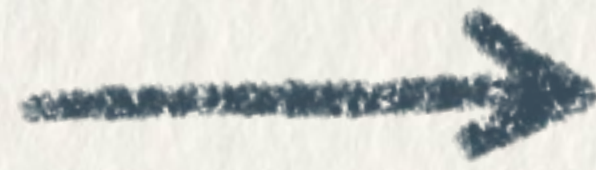


Matthew 27:46

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 22:16-17

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 19:17-18

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (*which in Aramaic is called Golgotha*). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Psalm 22:18

They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.



John 19:23-24

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."

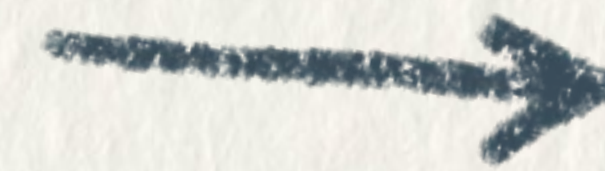
So this is what the soldiers did.

Psalm 22:7-8

All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say,
"let the LORD rescue him.

Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."



Matthew 27:41-44

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.'" ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

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 19:34

Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear,
bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

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.



John 19:28-30

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

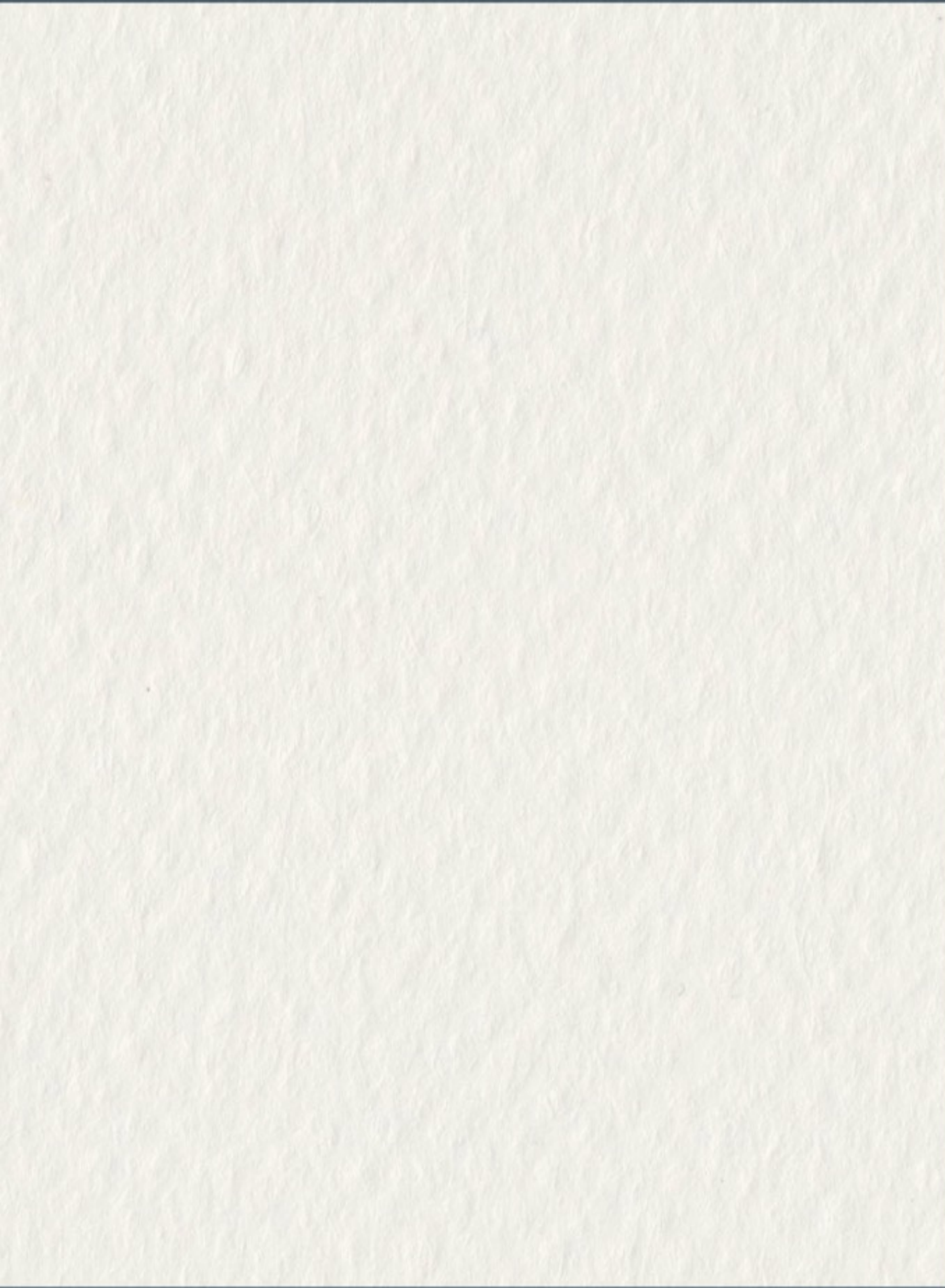
Jesus Psalms





“God-forsaken of God, who can understand it?”

- Martin Luther



“Yea, once, Immanuel’s orphaned cry, his universe hath shaken—
It went up single, echoless, ‘My God, I am forsaken!’
It went up from the Holy’s lips amid his lost creation,
That, of those lost, no son should use those words of desolation;”

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning, a selection
from *Cowper’s Grave*

Psalm 22:22-24 NIV

I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.

Psalm 22:27-28 NIV

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,
²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:30b-31 NIV

...future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:

He has done it!

He has done it!