

Anticipating Easter

Psalm 118

A Passover Psalm *Mt 26.30; Mk 14.26*
- draws on Exodus victory song Ex 15
- celebrates God's everlasting and
enduring covenant love vs 1-4,29

A picture of Jesus at Easter

➤ ***Maundy Thursday, vs 5-9***

1. Confidence in the face of Anguish

- ***understandable anguish v5***
when faced with the cross
Mt 26.38; Mk 14.33; Lk 22.44
- ***inspiring confidence vs 6-9***
in his Father God
- ***anticipated triumph vs 5,7***
over death, sin, Satan Acts 2.24

➤ ***Good Friday, vs 10-13***

2. Strength in the face of Pressure

➤ ***unholy international coalitions v10***

Acts 4.26-27

surrounded on all sides v11

stinging abuse v12

death by crucifixion v13

➤ ***upholding divine strength v13-14***

God - our help and salvation

➤ ***Easter Sunday, vs 14-21***

3. Victory in the face of Death

➤ ***resurrection! vs15-17; Eph 1.19-21***

➤ ***good news for all vs17-18;***

forgiveness through sacrifice

Luke 24.45-47; Is 53.5-6

➤ ***a heavenly homecoming v19***

➤ ***God's way of salvation for all v20***

Heb 10.19-20

➤ ***The Church: now, forever, vs 22-28***

4. His Triumph Shared by His People

➤ ***From I, me, my - to we, us, ours***

➤ ***salvation as we take hold of Jesus***

Lev 16.18; 1 Kings 5.20; 2.28

part of a crowd beyond counting

Rev 7.9-10

personally praising Jesus v28

vs 5-6,14,17,19,21