

# Matthew 27:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

## Analysis

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**He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him**—quoting Psalm 22:8 almost verbatim, yet blind to its prophetic nature. **For he said, I am the Son of God**—they accurately report Jesus's claim (Matthew 26:63-64) while mocking it.

The darkest irony: God WILL deliver him—through death into resurrection. The Father's silence (soon to be broken by earthquake and torn veil) is not absence but sovereign plan. Jesus trusts the Father even when the Father hides his face (v. 46). Trust persists through forsakenness—the deepest mystery of the cross.

## Historical Context

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Jewish theology held that God delivers the righteous (Psalm 34:19, Daniel 3:17). That Jesus hangs undelivered 'proved' to mockers that his claims were false. They could not conceive that God's deliverance would come through death and resurrection, not escape from death.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's trust in the Father—even through forsakenness—model ultimate faith (Hebrews 5:7-8)?
2. What does God's 'delay' in deliverance teach about trusting God's plan when circumstances seem to contradict his promises?

## Interlinear Text

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πέποιθεν ἐπὶ τὸν Θεοῦ ἀναστῶ νῦν αὐτόν, εἰ  
He trusted in God let him deliver now him if  
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θέλει αὐτόν, εἶπεν γὰρ ὅτι Θεοῦ εἰμι υἱός  
he will have him he said for God I am the Son  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 22:8** (Faith): He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

**John 10:36** (References God): Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?