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Jesus quotes the very first verse of Psalms 22—which means, to find the answer, you must read the entire Psalm.

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