

di words for humanity

"later, knowing say all na now completed, and so say di scripture would be fulfilled, jesus say, 'i am thirsty. ' a jar for wine vinegar na dia, so dem soaked a sponge for it, put di sponge on top a stalk for di hyssop plant, and lifted it to jesus' lips. " (john 19:28)

for di surface, dat tok no de mean anything to we. It's exactly wetin you'd expect from a dying man who's parched and dehydrated afta six hours on top a cross. "i'm thirsty. " sure, dat's wetin im's going to tok. But i tink im says boku plenti. I would suggest to you dat dis na a claim for completion.

perhaps you remember dat dia de two drinks dat de mentioned for di cross. It's helpful to sabi wey be which. For matthew 27:34 as jesus na being put for di cross, di bible tells we wey he na offered a drink dat's dem dey call, "wine mixed wit gall. " di gall na a narcotic agent, a numbing agent. Even di cruel romans had a touch for mercy for dem. Before dem would put a man up for di cross, dem find am sontin to juss blur im mind and to gree am to withstand di pain. Wen jesus na offered dat, im refused. Im say, "no. "

"why would im refuse it?" one reason na surely jesus would choose no escapes or shortcuts. Im na determined to endure di full brunt and di full wrath for di cross. Jesus promise im full mental faculties while im hung dia make im fit summarize im whole life and ministry for dis seven statements make from di cross.

but six hours later anoda drink na offered. It's identified to we as wine mixed wit vinegar. Na im different. Na im a wey cheap wine, hardly fermented, if fermented for all; na im wine mixed wit vinegar. Di

scholars usually tok, "one part wine, two parts vinegar." it had no gall, it had no numbing effect. If anything, it would stimulate im senses. And jesus say, "i am thirsty," and dem find dat to am.

so why do im drink di second drink?" look for verse 28. "later, knowing say all na now completed and make scripture would be fulfilled, jesus say, 'i am thirsty.'" folks, e get anoda evidence dat na god hanging for di cross. You sight i'm convinced dat only god fit sabi wetin jesus knew for dat moment. Afta six hours for excruciating, mind-blurring pain, and juss moments before im na going to kpai, dat man hanging for di cross reflected for di 700plus prophecies wey concern im life to sight if dem de all fulfilled. Di following are prophecies juss wey concern jesus' death.

di betrayal by a familiar fren. (psalm 41:9)

di forsaking for di disciples. (psalm 31:11)

di lie-lie accusations. (psalm 35:11)

di shun before im judges (isaiah 53:7)

being found guiltless (isaiah 53:9)

di numbering for am wit di transgressors. (isaiah 53:12)

being crucified. (psalm 22:16)

di mocking for di spectators. (psalm 109:25)

di taunt for non-deliverance. (psalm 22:7,8)

di gambling for im very garments. (psalm 22:18)

di prayer for im enemies. (isaiah 53:12)

being forsaken for god. (psalm 22:1)

di yielding for im spirit into di hands for di papa. (psalm 31:5)

di bones no bi being broken. (psalm 34:20)

di burial for a big man's tomb. (isaiah 53:9)

dem find me vinegar for mai thirst (psalm 69:21)

do you sabi dia de dat many prophecies juss wey concern di death? na dis man juss a man? as im na thinking through all for dos, one com to im mind no bi yet fulfilled, one last prophecy. Psalm 69:20 prophesied dat vinegar would be offered and it would be consumed, and jesus, knowing wey he would and wey he must fulfill all prophecy, say sartin to cause dat fulfillment. Im say, "i am thirsty." dem find am di vinegar. Na im a claim for completion. But even plenti important than dat, na im a claim for incarnation.

dia fit don been two reasons jesus make dis tok from di cross. One, na im to complete prophecy; and second, bicos di man na thirsty. Di first reason show we wey he na god while di second reason show wey he na man. Together, dem validate again di greatest claim for all history, di claim for incarnation. Incarnation juss way dat dis man, jesus, na god com packaged for di flesh. Dem get claims to say all di way through di bible. John begin im gospel wit "in di beginning na di word" (that na a metaphor for jesus). "in di beginning na di word, and di word na wit god, and di word na god." (john 1:1) and then 14 verses later, im say, "and di word became flesh and dwelled right here among we."

colossians 2:9 says, "for for christ all di fullness for di deity live for bodily form," or, 1 timothy 3:16, paul says to timothy, "he appeared for a bodi and na vindicated by di spirit," and di list go on top and on top. I no fit stress dis e don do. Di claim for incarnation na di continental divide for faith, it flows one way or di oda. You sight di world loves jesus. Ninety percent for amerika even claims be christian, everybody likes jesus bicos im na loving and nice and warm and fuzzy and di world na ginger to yan wey concern am being a gud teacher, a great philosopher and a kind man. But unless you accept am as god com for di flesh, then di bible de make no rhyme or reason. It na di crucial claim for all humanity. If you

believe im na god com for di flesh, evritin else fits. Im walked on top water? sure, di one who make di water fit waaka on top it, no fit im? wey he com komot for di grave? di one who altered life, na it any surprise dat death couldn't hold am? di fact wey he fit tok, "your sins are forgiven," hanging for di cross. If im's god on top dat cross, it's no surprise dat im death for get a saving make sense.

di critical decision for awa live na: na dis man realli god? or, na god realli dis man? dat's it. And di claim, "i am thirsty," says, "yes. " yes, im na. Im na god com for di flesh.

i wan suggest to you dat's dia's a very practical day-to-day way say di incarnation for jesus, god com for di flesh, way evritin to we. Di god who put di stars for di sky, who spoke di world into existence and who find you life for ya mama's womb, dat god com, lived and kpai on top a cross make im fit feel wetin you feel, sweat laik you sweat, injure laik you injure and cry laik you cry. Di sad reality na dat most pipo acknowledge jesus and i'm even talking wey concern christian folks now, but deh get precious little understanding for how im realli wan impact dia day-to-day living.

most pipo sight jesus as per man who com to set up a religion, christianity, an institution, di church, a code for conduct, di bible and dem tink dat's it. No! jesus no come dis earth and hang on top dat cross to establish religion. Im com to re-establish relationships.

you fit don heard dat before but still no bi. You believe jesus com for di flesh, im's been here, do dat, gone back to heaven and wetin im do na important, case closed. How do you get relationship wit pesin who's no bi here? you no fit sight am, touch am, feel am or hear am. We're laik di little six-year-old geh who had a bad dream. Am mama went for to am bedroom while im na crying and trying to find am courage and get am

independence growing, im stroked am and say, "now honey, go back to bed, jesus na here wit you. " di little geh looked back and say, "well gud, you dey here wit jesus, i'm going for dia wit daddy. "

now we laff for dat, but dat's di way most pipo i sabi realli operate wey concern jesus. A lot for folks believe say jesus na dey somewhere, but we need sontin flesh and blood to snuggle up wit. We need pesin we fit get a hold for, pesin who fit touch we, pesin who fit realli we. If e get ever a passage dat answers di kweshion: does jesus send? fit im touch we? fit we touch am? fit im realli meet mai needs today? it's di scripture we're studying now. Jesus say, "i am thirsty. "

one for pass fascinating tins for all di bible na wen jesus na wey concern to begin im ministry, im go into di desert without food for 40 days and di bible don one for di greatest understatement for all scripture, it says "and im na hungry. " forty days without food and im na hungry. Then now for di last few minutes for im life as im's hanging for di cross, we find am thirsty.

it's intriguing to me dat for di bookends for im ministry, we sight jesus struggling wit pass basic human needs: hunger and thirst. You don ever wondered why we're told dat? why ova here for matthew 4 for di desert wen jesus na going one on top one wit satan wen dem be trying to figure komot who's going to rule di world. We're talking wey concern di spiritual battle for all eternity. Then we're told "and im na very hungry. " why ova here for di blackest day dat's ever been wia jesus na experiencing di same blackness as all for awa sin na being heaped on top am, and im's find di papa and no fit find am, crying, "my god, mai god, why you don forsaken me?" we're also told: and im na thirsty.

you don ever wondered why we're told dos tins? it's so say di words for hebrews 4:15-16 would ring absolutely true for awa ears: "for we no get

high priest who na no fit to sympathize wit awa weaknesses, but we get one who don been tempted for everi way, juss as we are—yet na without sin. Make we then approach di throne for grace wit confidence, so wey we fit receive mercy and find grace. " look for dis, "to help we for awa taim for need. "

di fine well well song says, "does jesus send wen mai heart na pained too deeply for mirth or song?

as di burdens press and di cares distress and di way grows weary and long? oh yes, im cares, i sabi im cares. " but betta than di song, peter say "cast all ya anxiety on top am for im cares for you. " (1 peter 5:7)

jesus na no bi here today for di flesh to put im arms dey me, to hold on top to mai hand physically for di dark nights and di frightening times. I'm glad im's no bi here for di flesh now. Bicos im's do wetin im needed to do and awa sin na taken away. If im de still here, it would be for di purpose for needing to abstain and absolve awa sin. I'm also glad im's no bi here for di flesh bicos im's back for heaven's throne room interceding for we before di papa. I'm glad, bicos now he's no longer packaged for flesh confined by taim, place and space. Im fit sabi and deal wit all for awa pain, suffering and needs for di same taim. We no get be laik a leper or blind bartimaeus or di blind man, we no get to try and find komot: na jesus for nazareth? na jesus for capernaum? na jesus for jerusalem? i wan sight am. Im's right dia, right dia wia we fit touch am any taim.

i'm glad im's no bi here physically bicos im comot behind a "comforter," di holy spirit for god, no bi juss be wit we, but to live for we wen we're raised new creation from being baptized into christ. Di holy spirit living for we na making intercession for awa prayers. Romans 8:26 says, im's dey offer groanings for we wey we no even sabi how to offer. Im's talking go di papa wey concern awa needs wey we no even sabi how to ask for. Na im be say, wen any for we come god for prayer, jesus for

heaven fit identify wit and meet any need we get. If wen no deh mek any sense to you it's bicos you've either lai lai met di "man" jesus, or bicos you've lai lai seen prayer as di opportunity to yan wit am face to face. No juss pray, live for prayer. Dat's a claim for send. One author tok say di cradle for bethlehem proves dat god com. Di cross on top calvary proves dat god cares.

dem lifted di hyssop stalk wit di vinegar and wine to im lips and "when im received di drink, jesus say, 'it na finish. ' wit wey he bowed and find up im spirit. " (john 19:30) jesus gats don di needs for humanity met before im fit mek di claim for divinity. Im couldn't call komot di words, "it na finish," until im human thirst na met, and abated. Wetin a fren we get for jesus, all awa sins and griefs to bear. Amazing grace lesson # 1255, steve flatt march 24, 1996