

"The Suffering Savior"
Isaiah 53:1-12
Good Friday April 3, 2015 7:00 PM

Isaiah 53:1-6

Peter Proclaimed On The Day Of Pentecost! Acts 2:22-23

Jesus Taught His Disciples That He Must Suffer: Mark 8:31-32

Luke 9:44

The Book of Isaiah has been called "The Little Bible".

Isaiah 1-39 – The Old Testament – law and condemnation; the prophet condemns the sins of Judah and warns of coming judgment.

Isaiah 40-66 – The New Testament – grace and glorious redemption; he prophesies of Judah's deliverance from Babylonian captivity.

Isaiah 53 – describes the Life and ministry of Jesus Christ, His death and burial, and His resurrection and exaltation.

There are 4 Pictures of Jesus Christ:

1. Verses 1-3 – The Sorrowing Servant:

Isaiah 53:1

John 6:66

"And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" – So few will acknowledge the Servant's message and the miraculous as coming from God and His strength (arm).

Isaiah 53:2

"like a tender shoot," – (Son Of God) "And like a root" (Son Of Man) He is the "offspring of David".

"That we should look upon Him," – (TLB) "Nothing to make us want Him."

John 1:11

Isaiah 53:3

"despised" – "to regard as worthless, to give scorn to someone."

"and forsaken of men," – "wanting in men"

2. Verses 4-6 – The Smitten Servant:

Isaiah 53:4

"Surely our griefs He Himself bore, (Carried) And our sorrows He carried;"
– Jesus bore the consequences of our sins.

1 Peter 2:24

Luke 23:27-28

Isaiah 53:5 – "pierced through" – KJV, "wounded".

"Our Transgressions" – Speaks of "rebellion against God, daring to cross the line that God has drawn" (Choice).

"Our Iniquities" – Speaks of "Crookedness of our sinful nature"; The sinful tendencies that we are all born with. (Nature)

"He was crushed for our iniquities;" – "bruised" which means "crushed under the weight of a burden." Verse 6 – "the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him."

Isaiah 53:6

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way;"

"But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him." – Under the Law of Moses, the sheep died for the shepherd; but under grace, the Good Shepherd died for the sheep (John 10:1-18).

3. Verses 7-9 – The Silent Servant:

Isaiah 53:7

The Servant's Silence In Sufferings: "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth;"

John 18:11

"Oppressed" – "to be pressed hard to be driven"; "afflicted" – "to be bowed down, to be made low, forced into submission."

The Servant Was The Lamb: "Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,"

"Like a lamb" – Jesus is referred to being a lamb 28X in Revelation.

1 Peter 2:21-24

Isaiah 53:8

Luke 23:4

Isaiah 53:9

4. Verses 10-12 – The Satisfied Servant:

Isaiah 53:10

John 1:12-13

"He will prolong His days," – the Servant was resurrected to live forever.

Isaiah 53:11

John 19:30 – "It is finished."

"My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities." – The Judge took the place of the criminal and met the just demands of His own holy Law!

"justify" – means "to declare righteous"; Justification means "God declares believing sinners righteous in Christ and never again keeps a record of their sins."

Isaiah 53:12

Application:

Why would a loving Father allow His Son to endure such hardship of suffering?
So We Could Be Redeemed, Purchased from The Slave Market Of Sin! Reconciled
To God!

What you need to know:

1. We need to know that we are sinners, that we are separated from God because He is holy and we are unholy. Rom. 3:23
2. Our sins have earned us death. Rom. 6:23
3. Jesus, out of His great love for us, has paid for our sins. Rom. 5:8
4. Turn our lives over to Him; Jesus becomes Savior when we receive Him as Lord. Rom. 10:9-10