

Isaiah 53  
Our Suffering Savior

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Doubting God's Word (Genesis 3:1) – **the enemy's goal**

Doubting God's works (John 12:37-38) – **chance happenings? (I Samuel 6:7-9)**

- **Fading memories? (Joshua 4:20-24)**

He was a nobody (2)

Nazareth was His home (Isaiah 9:2/John 1:46) – **a land of darkness**

No royalty (John 7:41-42/II Corinthians 10:7) – **they needed to look deeper**

He was despised (3)

Not the anticipated conquering hero (John 6:15) – **they wanted a king**

Not the glorious Messiah (John 12:34) – **they did not see the greater need**

He was our substitute (4-6)

He took our infirmities, sorrows, transgressions, and iniquities (II Corinthians 5:21)

We considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God (Luke 23:35-39) - **mocked**

He brought us peace and healing (Romans 5:1-2) – **by His grace we have peace w/ God**

We are all like sheep who stray (Romans 3:23) – **we are not basically good (Is. 64:6)**

He was sentenced to death (7-9)

Afflicted – yet He remained silent (I Peter 2:22-24) – **He entrusted Himself to His Father**

Assign a grave with the wicked (Gal. 3:13) – yet also with the rich (Mt. 27:57-60)

**He was cursed (Dt. 21:23)**

**He changed hearts (Ezekiel 36:26)**

His death was planned and purposed (10) (I Peter 1:19-20) – **before Creation**

God's will to crush Him – **not the suffering, but the glory it would accomplish**

Guilt offering for us – **He bore my guilt and shame**

Guaranteed future (Hebrews 12:2) – **enduring the cross for a future joy**

He will see the light of life! (11-12)

Satisfied with His suffering (Romans 3:25) – **the propitiation, God's wrath is satisfied**

Servants knowledge – the Righteous One will justify many – **the GOSPEL!**

Spoils of the rich given to Him – and He will share (Ps. 24:1/Romans 8:17)

Sins of many were born by Him (I John 2:2/Colossians 2:13) – **ALL our sins!**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 53

What tactics does the enemy use to turn us away from God? (Genesis 3:1-5/Matthew 4:3-10/II Corinthians 2:7-11; 11:2-4, 13-15/I John 2:15-17)

***Doubt His Word – and thus His promises (II Peter 1:4)***

***Doubt His goodness – God is holding back good things from us***

***Shortcut God’s plan and/or timing – the enemy shows us a ‘better’ way***

***Develop spiritual pride – becoming judgmental and unforgiving***

***Appear to offer what is good – but it is deceitful***

***Appeal to the lusts of the flesh and the enticements of this world***

How can we look deeper to make sense of things we see and hear and be sure of what is true?

(I Timothy 5:22, 24-25; 6:20-21/I Thessalonians 5:19-21/Acts 17:11/Psalm 139:23-24)

***Give it time – do not be quick to believe what you have seen or heard***

***Don’t always follow the ‘experts’ – what is the foundation of their knowledge***

***Test everything – is it wise? (James 3:13-17) Listen to the voice of His Spirit***

***Look to the Scriptures – do it align with God’s truth***

***Let God examine you – can you trust your own heart?***

What do we mean when we speak of the ‘substitutionary death’ of Jesus? (Isaiah 53:4-5/I Peter 2:24/Luke 23:40-42/II Corinthians 5:21/Romans 3:23-26)

***He took our punishment that we deserved for our sins upon Himself***

***He died and bore the wrath of Almighty God on the cross in my place***

***ALL our sins were placed on Him – He became sin for us***

***The equivalent of eternal death was suffered by Him so that I might be justified before God***

How could it be God’s will to ‘crush’ His Son? (I Peter 1:17-21/John 6:36-40/Hebrews 12:22-24)

***Creation was never a mistake. God knew the cost, but He also knows the glories that are yet to come. His plan from the beginning was to reveal Himself to His creatures (us) and show us His great love (the cross) by making our redemption possible.***

What hope is ours because of the resurrection of Jesus? (I Corinthians 15:17-23, 42-44, 55-58 / Revelation 21:4-7; 22:1-5)

***We have the hope of resurrection ourselves.***

***We have the hope of new resurrected bodies – with no impurities and that are eternal***

***We have the hope of victory over sin and death***

***We have the hope of life in heaven, living in His presence – no more pain and sorrow***

***We have the hope of dwelling with God forever in the New Jerusalem – prepared for us by Jesus Himself (John 14:1-3)***

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