

THE SUFFERING SERVANT - PART 2

ISAIAH 53

Easter Sunday - 4/20/25

I. THE SERVANT WAS SILENT

Isaiah 53:7 – “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent so he opened not his mouth.”

- A. Silent in the face of injustice
- B. Jesus was silent because He was willing

II. THE SERVANT WAS SLAUGHTERED

Isaiah 53:8 – “By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?”

- A. Externally – Not a hero’s death
- B. Spiritually – It accomplished salvation

III. THE SERVANT WAS SINLESS

Isaiah 53:9 – “And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence and there was no deceit in his mouth.”

- A. Jesus died as an innocent man
- B. Jesus never lied – “No deceit in His mouth”

IV. WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

Isaiah 53:10 – “Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.”

- A. It was God’s will to crush Jesus
- B. God’s will was to bring salvation from sin

*Isaiah 1:11 – “...I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not **delight** in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.”*

- Jesus was able to permanently cover our sin

- C. The resurrection gives us hope

V. WHAT HOPE DO WE HAVE?

Isaiah 53:11 – “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”

A. That Jesus will bear our iniquity for us

B. That Jesus will give us His righteousness

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. How is Jesus so unlike us in this Isaiah passage?
3. Why is it so important for us to ponder the nature of Jesus' death and resurrection as Christians?
4. How does our hope as Christians fuel how we live in this world? What are some effects of living out our hope in this world?
5. What does this passage teach us about God's purpose in suffering? How can this passage about Jesus' suffering shape the way we view suffering in our world today?
6. Jesus is one who “intercedes for transgressors”. We are ambassadors for Christ in this life...What does it look like for us to “intercede for transgressors”? Are there unsaved people that you pray and intercede for?

TAKE SOME TIME AS A GROUP AND PRAY FOR SOME NAMES OF UNSAVED PEOPLE IN YOUR CIRCLES

7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group help you as you desire to live out that truth?