

The Suffering Servant Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Introduction

Isaiah 53 is one of the most powerful passages in the Old Testament, giving specific and detailed prophecy about how the Messiah would die for our sins.

What have we done? (v.6)

God has created us to be like sheep — needing everything from God the perfect Shepherd.

All we have needed to do is admit that we are needy sheep, and trust God the perfect Shepherd, and we would have everything we needed forever.

But just like sheep, we have all turned away. We have refused to admit that we are needy sheep; we have wanted to call the shots ourselves. We have all turned from God.

As a result, we face God's punishment forever.

What has the Servant done? (vv.5-6, 11)

He is fully man, fully God, and perfectly righteous (v.11).

He was punished for our sins in our place (vv.5-6)

He gave us His perfect righteousness as a gift (v.11).

How can we know this is true?

Who else in history has fulfilled these prophecies?

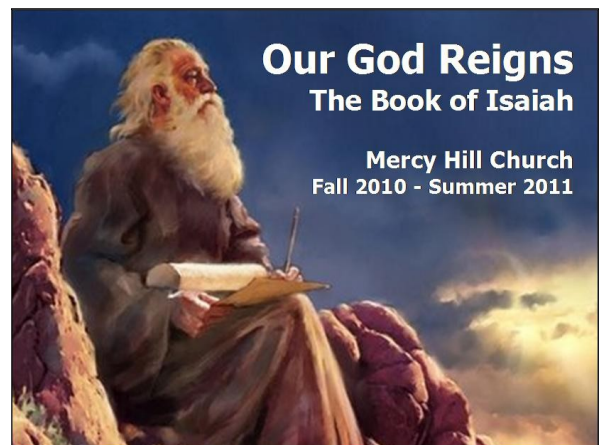
V.14 – "His appearance was so marred, beyond human resemblance."

V.3 – "He was despised and rejected by men."

V.7 – "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth."

V.9 – "And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in His death."

V.10 – "he will prolong his days."



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Do you understand that you have refused to admit that you are a needy sheep, and have turned from the perfect Shepherd? Why or why not?

Does it makes sense to you that because of your sin, your face eternal punishment from God? Why or why not?

Do you agree that Jesus lived a morally blameless life? Why or why not?

Do you have past sins for which you feel recurring guilt? Why do you think this is the case? What would Isaiah 53 say about that?

How deeply do you feel the love of Christ for you? How passionately do you love Christ? What do you think gets in the way of this?

With whom could you share this good news?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

