

# The Saviour's Suffering, His Atoning Death

## Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

### 1. *The Saviour came*

#### *for four very specific purposes*

- a. To live wisely: Obey God
- b. To be highly exalted. Phil. 2:7-11
- c. To be crucified
  - 1) His appearance marred:  
Beaten and bloodied
  - 2) His body disfigured:  
Unrecognizable —  
no longer looked like a man
- d. To sprinkle (cleanse) and redeem people from many nations
  - 1) Kings (and people)  
would be speechless before Him
  - 2) People would understand the gospel. Rom. 15:20-21

### 2. *The Saviour suffered rejection*

- a. His coming had been predicted but rejected:  
God's arm, His power was denied
- b. His coming as a child was unexpected and rejected
  - 1) He grew up in God's care but on dry ground: Poverty
  - 2) He had nothing attractive or majestic about His appearance
- c. His coming as a man of sorrows who had to suffer for the human race was rejected
  - 1) He was despised and scorned by people
  - 2) He was turned away from, not esteemed

13 See, my servant will act wisely;  
he will be raised and lifted up  
and highly exalted.

14 Just as there were many  
who were appalled at him —  
his appearance was so disfigured  
beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness —

15 So he will sprinkle many nations,  
the kings will shut their mouths because of him.  
For what they were not told,  
they will see,  
and what they have not heard,  
they will understand.

#### CHAPTER 53

1 Who has believed our message  
and to whom  
has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 He grew up before him  
like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.  
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance  
that we should desire him.

3 He is despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering,  
and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised,  
and we held him in low esteem.

**3. *The Saviour bore the penalty for man's sin***

- a. The sad fact: He suffered for us, yet many felt He was justly executed as a criminal
- b. The truth: He died for us
  - 1) Our grief and sorrows, 4
  - 2) Our transgressions and iniquities
- c. The purpose of His death
  - 1) To give us peace and healing
  - 2) To save us from the sin of going astray and its penalty: Death. Eze. 18:4; Rom. 6:23
- d. The way He saved us:  
By bearing sin for us

**4. *The Saviour suffered willingly but unjustly: Was the sinless Son of God***

- a. He willingly and silently suffered harsh treatment: Just like a lamb led to the slaughter
- b. He willingly suffered an illegal arrest, trial and execution
  - 1) He was cut off — put to death — for the transgression of God's people
  - 2) He was stricken for the sins of God's people
- c. He willingly suffered a burial with the wicked, even though He was the sinless Son of God

**5. *The results of the Saviour's suffering***

- a. He became the *substitute sacrifice* for sin
- b. He produces many offspring, righteous believers
- c. He prolonged His days:  
Arose to carry on and advance God's work

- 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.
- 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

<p>d. He conquered death and brought satisfaction to everyone involved</p> <p>e. He justified many: By bearing their iniquities</p> <p>f. He is honoured as the great Victor: He will divide the wealth of His conquests with the strong (believers)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Because He died as a transgressor</li><li>2) Because He bore the sin of many</li><li>3) Because He made intercession for sinners</li></ol>	<p>11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.</p> <p>12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.</p>
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