



Jesus Suffered for God's People | Isaiah 53:1-12

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But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities;
punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.
— Isaiah 53:5

Judgment is not only for the nations but also for individuals. | v. 6

1. Each of us deserve the judgment of God
2. We all went astray like sheep
3. We all have turned to our own way
4. The iniquity of us all
5. You have offended God infinitely more than you can imagine.
 - a. You are 10,000 times more abominable in God's eyes than the most hateful venomous serpent is in ours.
 - b. There is no reason that you should not this very minute drop down into the flames of hell.
 - c. Isaiah 66 God will come with the flames of his fire

Isaiah 66:14b-16

then the Lord's power will be revealed to his servants,
but he will show his wrath against his enemies.

15 Look, the Lord will come with fire—
his chariots are like the whirlwind—
to execute his anger with fury
and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For the Lord will execute judgment
on all humanity with his fiery sword,
and many will be slain by the Lord.

Big Idea: Jesus the Messiah suffered to save God's people from their sins.

Is this passage about Jesus? Matthew 8:17, 1 Peter 2:21-25, Acts 8:26-35

Isaiah probably contains the most important and far-reaching chapter in the entire Old Testament – chapter 53. This amazing chapter alone is quoted from or alluded to some 85 times in the New Testament. Jesus said that Isaiah saw His glory and spoke of Him (Jn. 12:41). -Willmington, Harold L., "What You Need to Know About the Book of Isaiah" (2009).



The victorious King Jesus is a suffering servant. | v. 2-3

1. Challenges our notions about Jesus.
 - a. A normal guy: from a quiet place and a regular childhood-early adulthood
 - i. a metaphor that stands in sharp contrast to other metaphors that could be used (a stately grand oak).
 - b. Not handsome or majestic
 - i. He also had no “appearance, look” (mār’eh, also in 52:14) that would make him desirable to “us” (the Israelites). Earlier, King Saul’s physical stature attracted people to him and caused them to want him to be their king (1 Sam 9:20). David was “ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features” (1 Sam 16:12), but these attractive external signs of a king were not something people could identify in this Servant. These physical features refer to the outward appearance which was not very impressive. In light of modern models of leadership and “Christian stardom” of some pastors and Christian television personalities one wonders if this Servant would have appeared as someone desirable according to modern leadership criteria. Would people recognize him for who he really was or would they ignore him or reject him? J. Oswalt suggests that “Deliverers are dominating, forceful, attractive people, who by their personal magnetism draw people to themselves....”
 - c. Despised and rejected / the kind of person that people turned (their faces) away from
 - i. John 1:10-11
10 He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
 - d. Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief
 - e. We did not value him
2. Challenges our notions about power and victory.
 - a. How can a king be victorious by suffering and dying?
 - b. How can one have all power over all things and yet appear powerless to stand against one’s oppressors and assassins?
 - c. Aslan in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.
3. Descriptions of the suffering of Jesus here in Isa. 53:
 - a. Pierced
 - b. Wounds (Stripes)
 - c. Crushed
 - d. Struck down, crushed severely, afflicted



This tragic sacrifice of God's holy Son was God's plan. | v. 10

1. The Lord was pleased to crush him severely
2. The Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all v. 6
3. Jesus did not protest the unfairness of his treatment v. 7
4. Acts 3:18 God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets—that his Messiah would suffer.

Why was this God's plan, design, and will?

Jesus worked salvation for God's people. | v. 5

1. Jesus bore our sin on himself / became sin for us ***2 Corinthians 5:21
 - a. Bore our sickness and carried our pains
 - b. Counted among the rebels v. 12
 - c. Assigned a grave with the wicked v. 9
 - d. What are your iniquities, sins?
2. Took the judgment and punishment for our rebellion
 - a. and the LORD has punished him for the iniquity of us all. v. 6
 - b. He was taken away because of oppression and judgment v. 8
 - c. All that we deserved as consequences of rebellion against God, he took for us
3. Saves us by giving his followers his righteousness in the sight of God.
 - a. v. 11 my righteous servant will justify many
 - b. v. 5 punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds
 - c. v. 10 When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the LORD's pleasure will be accomplished
 - d. v. 12 interceded for the rebels

Do you believe that Jesus the Messiah suffered for you? | v. 1

1. Who has believed what we have heard?
 2. Hearing and thinking are not enough.
 3. The arm of the Lord has been revealed.
 - a. Why so much emphasis on the blood of Jesus, on the crucifixion and suffering of Jesus, on the judgment of God against rebellious sinners?
 - b. Jesus is the mediator/interceder
- (Excerpts and Summaries from Jonathan Edwards' "Sinners in the Hand of an Angry God.")



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- c. John 3:18 Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.
- d. However unconvinced you are of the truth of which you now hear, by and by you will be fully convinced.
- e. You have nothing to lay hold of to save yourself and nothing to keep off the flames of wrath. Nothing of your own, nothing that you ever have done and nothing that you can do to induce God to spare you one moment.
- f. God will inflict wrath without any pity. He will have no mercy on those who fall under the judgment of God against their sin. Though they cry with a loud voice, I will not hear them.
- g. Ezekiel 8:18 Therefore I will respond with wrath. I will not show pity or spare them. Though they call loudly in my hearing, I will not listen to them.
- h. Today is a day of mercy. You can count on no other moment than this for an opportunity to turn to Christ in faith.
- i. This is the dismal case of every soul in this congregation that has not been born again however strict, moral or religious they may be.
- j. You may be thinking that you would escape God's judgment.
- k. How many people will remember the truth of Jesus' sacrifice in hell but they had not believed unto salvation.