

The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Isaiah asked
Who has believed our message ?

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- “Of the Jewish people that I know who have come to faith in Jesus as Messiah half have done so by reading Isaiah 53.”

Metaphor of a Messiah

- The descendant of David was to be a “shoot from the stump of Jesse”
- Isaiah 53:2 He grew up before him like a tender **shoot**, and like a **root** out of dry ground.
- See Isaiah 11:1-11

Did Isaiah start at the end?

- NIV Isaiah 11:1 A **shoot** will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his **roots** a Branch will bear fruit.
- Isaiah 11:11 In that day the **Lord will reach out his hand a second time** to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.
 - Solomon Islands? “Back to Jerusalem.”

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For what they were not told,

they will see,

and what they have not heard,

they will understand.

Sprinkle (Alex “Hazah is a rare word”).

- Lev 6: 27 Whatever touches any of the flesh will become holy, and if any of the blood is spattered on a garment, you must wash it in a holy place. (Not like Joseph’s coat that appalled Jacob).
- Lev 16:14 He is to take some of the bull's blood and with his finger sprinkle it on the front of the atonement cover; then he shall **sprinkle** some of it with his finger **seven times** before the **atonement cover**.
- 15 "He shall then **slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people** and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull's blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it.

“It can’t be”

Isaiah 53:1

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

What did we expect? Is 53:2-3

He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

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Isaiah 53:4-6 Our verdict

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*yet we considered him stricken,
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Isaiah 53:4-6 God's verdict of us

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Isaiah 53:4-6 The problems were ours

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Isaiah 53:4-6 What of our guilt?

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Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he took up our **infirmities** and carried our **sorrows**,
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But he was **pierced** for our **transgressions**,
he was **crushed** for our **iniquities**;
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Servant identified with straying sheep.
Isaiah 53:7-8a

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.

By **oppression** and judgment he was taken away.

Isaiah 53:8b-9 The Guilt Offering

And who can speak of his descendants?

For he was cut off
from the land of the living;

for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

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.

“Not my will but yours be done.”

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the **LORD's will** to crush him
and cause him to suffer,

and though the LORD

makes his life a guilt offering,

he will see his offspring

and prolong his days,

and the **will of the LORD** *will prosper in his hand.*

Isaiah 53:11-12

After the suffering of his soul,
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.**

*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

So will he **sprinkle** many nations, Isaiah 52:15

The blood of the goat was to be sprinkled on the mercy seat seven times on the day of atonement.

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And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
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The suffering Servant was the complete sacrifice

Jesus died on the cross so that all our sins
would be covered.

Are we still feeling guilty?

Talk to Jesus about it.

Accept his complete sacrifice.

Be sure that he has dealt with all our sin!

Joseph to his brothers Genesis 45:5-7

- 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.
- 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping.
- 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Peter in Solomon's Colonnade. Acts 3:13-15 (-19)

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

Peter (continued) Acts 3:16-19

16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. 17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 **But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.** 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.