

The Suffering Servant; Isaiah 53:7-9

- I. The Messiah
 - A. If you ever really want to see God's character all you have to do is read Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 - B. We can plainly see the character of God through this text in Isaiah
 - C. We can see the atoning sacrifice for sin by the Messiah
 - D. We can see the horrible things that led up to that sacrifice
 - E. We can see the Messiah
- II. Our Own Way
 - A. Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV); ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
 - B. We have gone astray
 1. This has been the problem since the very beginning of our time
 - a) Adam and Eve
 - b) Cain
 - c) All mankind — the flood
 - d) The Judges
 - e) The Pharisees
 2. Look at the 'all-inclusive' words used — all, every one
 3. But also, look at that last part of verse six — same all inclusive word
 - a) "the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."
 - b) While all of us have gone astray, God has given us a way back — a redeeming Messiah that has become the sacrifice for us
 - C. God is just, He is righteous, He is also forgiving
 - D. God required a sacrifice
 - E. But how do we know that Jesus is that sacrifice?
 1. "It is amazing that in the twelve verses of Isaiah chapter fifty-three the prophet tells the reader that Messiah must suffer for sin multiple times, but yet Judaism fails to convey this most important truth." ¹
 2. I mentioned last week that another Rabbi completely dismisses the idea that Isaiah 53 is talking about the Messiah
 3. Rabbi Baruch states, in this same article, that according to the Talmud (the basis for all codes of Jewish Law) Isaiah 53 is speaking of the Messiah
 - F. We see, in Isaiah 53, points of reference that show us the Messiah
- III. The Wicked and The Rich
 - A. Isaiah 53:7-9 (ESV); 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. 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? 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.
 - B. In each of these stanzas we see Jesus (the Messiah)
 - C. We mentioned last week His flogging, mocking, and crucifixion

¹ Baruch, Rabbi. "Messiah and Isaiah 53 by Rabbi Baruch." *Lesson 8 Chapter 5, Seed of Abraham Ministries, Inc.*, www.torahclass.com/archived-articles/418-messiah-and-isaiah-53-by-rabbi-baruch.

1. "This is a foretelling of Jesus as He was beaten, scourged and eventually crucified. But why was He silent?
 2. One reason is that He was denying Himself the opportunity to exercise the power of His words.
 3. He told the wind and the waves of a furious storm, "Quiet! Be still!" and they were. When He told the arresting officials who He was by saying, "I am he," they fell backward to the ground.
 4. If simple, three-word combinations had such an impact in those situations, saying any number of things could have easily stayed His crucifixion." Copyright © 2018 NewSpring Church
 5. In Matthew 26:63 He is silent before the High Priest
 6. In John 19:9 He is silent before Pilate
 7. 1 Peter 2:22–23 (ESV); ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.
- D. We also see the wicked and the rich in verse 9
1. He was crucified with two robbers (wicked)
 2. He was buried in Joseph of Arimathea's tomb (rich)
 3. These are things Jesus had no control over
 - a) Pilate chose who He was crucified with
 - b) Joseph requested from Pilate the body of Jesus
 4. Yet the prophecies were presented to Israel from 720-680BC — 700 years before Jesus' death
- E. Jesus' death was for the "transgression of my people" (verse 8)
- F. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV); For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- IV. The Will of the Lord
- A. Isaiah 53:10–12 (ESV); 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. 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. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.
- B. This is a tough statement for me, "the will of the LORD"
- C. Yet, that just shows the true character of God — a self-sacrificing God that would put Himself through all the pain and misery just so we (the ones who rejected Him) would be able to accept Him
- D. God's justness and righteousness required action — our death
- E. But God...
1. Took on that responsibility for us
 2. Created a way to provide an acceptable sacrifice other than ours — even though that meant His suffering
 3. God's sole purpose was to provide a redeemer for us — don't you find that absolutely amazing?
 4. The whole Bible is a picture of a just and righteous God fulfilling those attributes with love
 5. Ephesians 2:1-10
- F. The will of the LORD is for us to be with Him!
- G. The will of the LORD is for us to believe and obey His Son!
- V. Redemption
- A. We have seen the Messiah

- B. Jesus who provides His blood and sacrifice and redemption for us
- C. What will you do with Him?