

Jesus - Our Substitute (Good Friday 2023)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Context - the book of Isaiah, written 700 years before Jesus arrived in Bethlehem, provides a prophetic overview of the life of Christ. When you arrive at Isaiah 42, you read the four servant songs about Jesus (1. Isa. 42, 2. Isa. 49, 3. Isa. 50, 4. Isa. 52:13-53:12) This passage is the last of the servant songs - focusing entirely on the cross of Jesus.

To celebrate the substitution of Jesus Christ...

1. _____ Him as the Exalted King (vs. 52:13-15)

A. In this section of the song, Isaiah is beginning at the end - he is starting with the exaltation of the servant.

2. _____ the depths to which he submitted (vs. 53:1-3)

A. The voice used in this passage is the believing remnant who will be the recipients of blessings of Jesus' death upon the cross.

B. This believing group will take the message of the cross far and wide - and they will be amazed that such a small group will believe.

3. _____ his sacrifice for your sins (vs. 53:4-6)

A. These verses take us deep into the heart of the Gospel.

B. Jesus stood in our place. He took our sins upon himself. Sin always brings griefs. He bore all of the griefs brought by sin.

4. _____ His silence (vs. 53:7-9)

A. He is standing in our place - condemned.

B. When a sinner stands before God and the books are opened - and the sins are read - all sinners will stand in silence before the Judgment of God. (Romans 3:19 - every mouth will be shut in that day)

5. _____ His successful mission (vs. 53:10-12)

A. Who crucified Jesus - it was the Father. The Romans and the Jewish authorities had their role - but the primary agent was the Father.

B. The Father was pleased to crush him. He was the lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world. This was the plan of the Father - to crush the Son on our behalf.