

# THE SUFFERING SERVANT

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

Jesus paid an unthinkable price to buy a wonderful gift

## LET'S GET STARTED

Isaiah's ministry took place from about 740-686 BC, which was seven centuries before Jesus lived on Earth, and yet Isaiah foresaw Jesus' entire life and ministry, including His death and resurrection!

"I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times what is still to come" (Isaiah 46:11).

## LET'S HEAR THE WORD

This is what Isaiah foresaw concerning Jesus:

- **His life and ministry (53:1-4).**

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 (v. 2).

- **His death and burial (53:5-9).**

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 (v. 5).

- **His resurrection and exaltation (53:10-12).**

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 (v. 11).

## Quotable

*Long before Mel Gibson even thought about making a movie that dramatically focused on the passion of Christ, the prophet Isaiah wrote his original script.*

—Charles Swindoll

*All the prophets did foresee in Spirit that Christ should become the greatest transgressor, murderer, adulterer, thief, rebel, blasphemer, etc., that ever was or could be in all the world.*

—Martin Luther

## If you would like to know more

*The Gospel According to God: Rediscovering the Most Remarkable Chapter in the Old Testament*  
by John MacArthur (Crossway Books, 2018)

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## TAKEAWAYS FROM THE GREATEST CHAPTER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- God knew \_\_\_\_\_ what was \_\_\_\_\_ to make us right with Him

Isaiah 53:11— . . . by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

- We owe all the \_\_\_\_\_ for our salvation to Christ, and none to ourselves.

Isaiah 53:5—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.

- The Cross is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story, but not the \_\_\_\_\_ of it.

Isaiah 53:12—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. . . .

## LET'S LIVE IT

So, what can we do with what Isaiah 53? Here are some personal commitments we can make in response to what Isaiah has told us:

**I will \_\_\_\_\_ God, because He amazes me!**

Isaiah 46:9—“Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.”

**I will \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, because I belong to Him.**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20—<sup>19</sup> . . . You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

**I will \_\_\_\_\_ about what Jesus did, because the news is so good.**

Isaiah 52:7—How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”