

Isaiah 53
Our Suffering Savior

His message was rejected (1)

- Doubting God's Word (Genesis 3:1)
- Doubting God's works (John 12:37-38)

He was a nobody (2)

- Nazareth was His home (Isaiah 9:2/John 1:46)
- No royalty (John 7:41-42/II Corinthians 10:7)

He was despised (3)

- Not the anticipated conquering hero (John 6:15)
- Not the glorious Messiah (John 12:34)

He was our substitute (4-6)

- He took our infirmities, sorrows, transgressions, and iniquities (II Corinthians 5:21)
- We considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God (Luke 23:35-39)
- He brought us peace and healing (Romans 5:1-2)
- We are all like sheep who stray (Romans 3:23)

He was sentenced to death (7-9)

- Afflicted – yet He remained silent (I Peter 2:22-24)
- Assign a grave with the wicked (Gal. 3:13) – yet also with the rich (Mt. 27:57-60)

His death was planned and purposed (10) (I Peter 1:19-20)

- God's will to crush Him
- Guilt offering for us
- Guaranteed future (Hebrews 12:2)

He will see the light of life! (11-12)

- Satisfied with His suffering (Romans 3:25)
- Servants knowledge – the Righteous One will justify many
- Spoils of the rich given to Him – and He will share (Ps. 24:1/Romans 8:17)
- Sins of many were born by Him (I John 2:2/Colossians 2:13)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 53

What tactics does the enemy use to turn us away from God? (Genesis 3:1-5/Matthew 4:3-10/II Corinthians 2:7-11; 11:2-4, 13-15/I John 2:15-17)

How can we look deeper to make sense of things we see and hear and be sure of what is true? (I Timothy 5:22, 24-25; 6:20-21/I Thessalonians 5:19-21/Acts 17:11/Psalm 139:23-24)

What do we mean when we speak of the 'substitutionary death' of Jesus? (Isaiah 53:4-5/I Peter 2:24/Luke 23:40-42/II Corinthians 5:21/Romans 3:23-26)

How could it be God's will to 'crush' His Son? (I Peter 1:17-21/John 6:36-40/Hebrews 12:22-24)

What hope is ours because of the resurrection of Jesus? (I Corinthians 15:17-23, 42-44, 55-58 / Revelation 21:4-7; 22:1-5)