

THE DEATH OF JESUS

(Isaiah 53)

1) The death of Jesus involved sorrow.

- a) Notice that verse 3 describes the Suffering Servant as a man of sorrows.
 - i) This does not say He would be full of sorrow.
 - ii) Jesus was not a sad person.
 - iii) This is descriptive of one who would be very well acquainted with sorrows.
- b) Jesus knew sorrow because of the sin around Him.
 - i) You and I don't react to sin the way we should most times.
 - ii) Someone curses or takes God's name in vain and we brush it off.
 - iii) We fail to understand the consequences of sin they we ought.
 - iv) Think of how Jesus felt when He was in the presence of sin.
 - v) Jesus knew the eventual cost of each sin would be His own life, but He also knew the pain that sin was inflicting on the lives of those around Him.
- c) Jesus knew sorrow because of His impending death.
 - i) Over and again we read of Jesus telling His disciples that He was going to be killed.
 - ii) Do you believe that brought Him any kind of joy?
 - iii) The night of His betrayal both Matthew and Mark record Jesus as describing His soul as "exceedingly sorrowful".
- d) Jesus was a man of sorrows knowing the pain of sin on the lives of others and the pain it would bring to Him.

2) The death of Jesus involved substitution.

- a) Beginning in verse 3, notice the plural personal pronouns (Isaiah 53:3-6).
- b) The Suffering Servant would not be wounded for His transgressions because He did not commit any (Hebrews 4:15).
- c) The Suffering Servant would not be bruised for His iniquities because He had none.
- d) The Suffering Servant was not chastised for His own peace because He never had enmity with God.
- e) The Suffering Servant was not healed by His own stripes, we were.
- f) The Suffering Servant did not go astray, we did.
- g) The Suffering Servant did not turn to His own way; He always did those things that pleased God (John 8:29).
- h) The end of verse 6 tells us of the substitution: the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- i) This tells us that it should have been me and you on a cross being put to death for our own sins.

3) The death of Jesus involved sacrifice.

- a) The Suffering Servant was going to be a sacrifice for man.
- b) Notice Isaiah 53:10.
 - i) Jesus most definitely fulfilled that.

- ii) 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:19.
 - c) Jesus substituted Himself for us in order to be our sacrifice for sins.
 - i) Ephesians 5:2.
 - ii) Hebrews 9:26.
 - d) The most amazing part of this to me is that He was a willing sacrifice.
 - i) It was earlier mentioned that Jesus repeatedly told His disciples He was going to die.
 - ii) His purpose for coming to earth was to be our sacrifice.
- 4) The death of Jesus involved suffering.**
- a) We have been using the phrase Suffering Servant all along in this sermon.
 - i) This is the title that has been given to God's Servant in this chapter.
 - ii) Jesus is the One about whom this prophecy was given.
 - b) Our Lord suffered greatly in His death.
 - c) He suffered before He was betrayed; His body going into shock in the garden and blood vessels in His forehead bursting, causing blood to mingle with His sweat.
 - d) He suffered at the hands of tormenters during His trials.
 - i) He was slapped repeatedly.
 - ii) He was mocked and ridiculed.
 - e) He suffered great violence to His body while being scourged.
 - i) The flesh ripped from His back and legs.
 - ii) Repeated blows from the whip causing serious bleeding and bruising, all resulting in anguish.
 - f) He suffered great indignation in the way He was mocked and carried out in public before all as the worst kind of criminal.
 - g) He suffered immeasurably as He hung from the cross.
 - i) He had spikes driven through His wrists and feet.
 - ii) Jesus endured incredible pain from lack of oxygen because of the pressure placed upon His diaphragm because of the way those crucified were purposefully placed on the cross.
 - h) He suffered from the separation of Himself from God the Father.
 - i) He knew there was nothing that the Father could do for Him and keep His promise to mankind.
 - ii) The closeness He had always had with the Father was interrupted while on the cross.
 - i) He suffered from the weight of our sins.
 - i) Remember, not one sin was His.
 - ii) He who had known no sin became sin for us.
 - j) The terms in human language are far lacking to describe the suffering of Jesus in His death.
- 5) The death of Jesus involved satisfaction.**
- a) Sin had separated man from God making man worthy of the wrath of God (Romans 6:23).

- b) Somehow, God's wrath had to be satisfied.
- c) The death of Jesus on the cross satisfied the wrath of God.
- d) Notice Isaiah 53:11.
 - i) God is a just God and sin deserves punishment.
 - ii) Jesus appeased God's justice and wrath by the sacrifice of Himself for us.
 - iii) He is the propitiation for our sins (Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2).
- e) Every debt has to be satisfied and our Lord satisfied our debt before God that we owed because of sin.

6) The death of Jesus involved salvation.

- a) Notice these phrases describing what the Suffering Servant would do:
 - i) He hath borne our griefs.
 - ii) Carried our sorrows.
 - iii) With His stripes we are healed.
 - iv) The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
 - v) For the transgression of my people was He stricken.
 - vi) By His knowledge shall my righteous Servant justify man.
 - vii) He shall bear their iniquities.
 - viii) He bore the sins of many.
 - ix) Made intercession for the transgressors.
- b) All of those are descriptive terms of the salvation that is offered to mankind through the sacrifice of Jesus for the sins of the world.
- c) Without that sacrifice, there could be no satisfaction of God's wrath and there could be no salvation.