

The Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

“my servant will act wisely”

Isaiah 52:13-15

**13 See, my servant will act wisely ;
he will be raised and lifted up and
highly exalted. 14 Just as there were
many who were appalled at him — his
appearance was so disfigured beyond
that of any man and his form marred
beyond human likeness—**

15 so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

“my servant will act wisely”

**“[in v.14]When they saw Christ’s
suffering on the cross...His
treatment was inhuman.”**

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“my servant will act wisely”

Hebrews 10:14

**because by one sacrifice he
has made perfect forever those
who are being made holy.**

“my servant will act wisely”

1 Peter 1:2

who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

“my servant will act wisely”

Hebrews 9:22

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

“Who has believed our message”

Isaiah 53:1-3

1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 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.

**3 He was despised and rejected
by men, a man of sorrows, and
familiar with suffering. Like one
from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we
esteemed him not.**

“Who has believed our message”

John 15:20-21

20 Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. 21 They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

“Who has believed our message”

“There was nothing beautiful or majestic in the physical appearance of this servant. Israel would miscalculate the servant’s importance-they would consider him an ordinary man. But even though Jesus would not attract a large following based on his physical appearance , He would bring salvation and healing.”

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“he was pierced for our transgressions”

Isaiah 53:4-6

**4 Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows, yet we
considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted. 5**

**But he was pierced for our
transgressions, he was crushed
for our iniquities;**

**the punishment that brought us
peace was on him, and by his
wounds we are healed 6 We all,
like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own
way; and the LORD has laid on
him the iniquity of us all.**

“he was pierced for our transgressions”

2 Corinthians 5:21

**God made him who had no sin
to be sin for us, so that in him
we might become the
righteousness of God.**

“He was oppressed”

Isaiah 53:7-9

7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants?

**For he was cut off from the land
of the living; for the
transgression of my people he
was stricken. 9 He was assigned
a grave with the wicked, and
with the rich in his death, though
he had done no violence, nor
was any deceit in his mouth.**

“He was oppressed”

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

“the will of the LORD”

Isaiah 53:10-12

10 Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 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. 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. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

“the will of the LORD”

Acts 2:23

**This man was handed over to you
by God’s set purpose and
foreknowledge; and you, with the
help of wicked men, put him to
death by nailing him to the cross.**

“the will of the LORD”

Matthew 26:28

**This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for
the forgiveness of sins.**

“the will of the LORD”

Romans 3:21-26

21 But now a righteousness of God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

**23 for all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God, 24 and are
justified freely by his grace through
the redemption that came by Christ
Jesus. 25 God presented him as a
sacrifice of atonement, through faith
in his blood.**

He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – 26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

“the will of the LORD”

“[v.11] tells of the enormous family of believers who will become righteous, not by their own works, but because of the Messiah’s great work on the cross.

They are justified because they have claimed Christ, the righteous servant, as their Savior and Lord. The life of sin is stripped away, and they are clothed with Christ’s righteousness.”

“the will of the LORD”

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Applications

- **Read the Old Testament to see Jesus in the New Testament**
- **Follow Him**

Final Thoughts

Colossians 1:19-20

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Final Thoughts

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.