

The Servant's Suffering

Isaiah 53:1 - 7

Devotional Reading: Matthew 12:14 - 21

Background Scripture: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **Identify** the suffering Servant
- **Relate** the Servant's suffering to the concept of substitutionary atonement
- **Write** a prayer of gratitude for what the servant's suffering accomplished

INTRODUCTION: Isaiah 53 foretells the sufferings of the Messiah, the purpose of His death and the benefits of His remarkable life. It focuses on Christ's suffering and death and details what He endured for us. The Servant, who did not need to atone for sin, offered His life for disobedient mankind. God allows Israel's [and mankind's] waywardness to fall upon the shoulders of His sinless Son. The suffering Servant's humility is a key point which is brought out in this text.

KEY VERSE: *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”* Isaiah 53:6

LESSON OUTLINE:

Servant's Appearance

Isiah 53:1 - 3

Servant's Suffering

verses 4 - 7

Summary: Isaiah 53 describes the death of the Suffering Servant. In all that He endured as He walked the earth, encountering relentless criticism and lies, Christ never sinned. God transformed and baptized those who had not only been enemies of God but also scorned Him as He tried to improve their lives. Humanity often scorns humility, but God values this trait [see Psalm 138:6; Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6]. The Suffering Servant brought peace and healing. As God's representatives, we are called to agents of peace [Romans 14:19] striving to reconcile relationships, heal divisions, even when this requires sacrifice from us.

Questions:

1. *What are common barriers that prevent people from believing and accepting the message of Christ?*
2. *What are some ways we do esteem Christ as we should?*
3. *What griefs and sorrows do you need to turn over to Christ today?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Sept. 22 nd	The Humble Servant	Philippians 2:5 – 10
Tue., Sept. 23 rd	The Faithful Servant	Isaiah 42:1 – 7
Wed., Sept. 24 th	The Resurrected Servant	Acts 2:25 – 31
Thurs., Sept. 25 th	A Light for the World	Acts 13:44 – 49
Fri., Sept. 26 th	A Doorkeeper in God's House	Psalm 84
Sat., Sept. 27 th	God's Servant Obeys	Isaiah 50:4 – 9
Sun., Sept. 28 th	The Suffering Servant	Isaiah 53:1 - 7