

Suffering and Glory of the Servant - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Topics: Appearance, Beauty, Believe, Death, Disobedience, God's Will, Greatness, Healing, Hiding, Innocence, Judgment, Knowledge, Light, Oppressed, Peace, Praise, Prayer, Punishment, Redemption, Rejection, Revelation, Righteousness, Satisfaction, Silence, Sin, Sorrow, Soul, Strength, Suffering, Understanding, Wisdom

Open It

- * 1. What kinds of human suffering are particularly abhorrent and difficult for you to watch?
- 2. What personal experience can you relate about the suffering of the innocent?

Explore It

- 3. How did God, through Isaiah's prophecy, characterize the actions of the coming Servant? (52:13)
- 4. What opposite reactions would people have to the Messiah before and after His suffering? (52:14-15)
- * 5. What was unbelievable about the message of God's chosen deliverance? (53:1-3)
- 6. What did Isaiah prophesy about the attractiveness of God's Servant? (53:2-3)
- 7. What would actually be happening when people were assuming that God was punishing Jesus? (53:4)
- * 8. What would the wounds of the Messiah accomplish for all believers? (53:5)
- 9. In what way did Isaiah illustrate people's sinfulness? (53:6)
- 10. What has God done with the sin of each human being? (53:6)
- * 11. How did Isaiah say that the Messiah would respond to mistreatment and suffering? (53:7)
- 12. What earthly heritage would remain for the Messiah? (53:8)
- 13. In what way would the Messiah's death not fit the deeds of His life? (53:9)
- 14. What was God's will in relation to the life of His Son? (53:10)
- 15. What "satisfaction" did God promise would follow the suffering of the Messiah? (53:11)
- 16. Why did Isaiah say that the Messiah would be exalted and "divide the spoils"? (53:12)

Get It

- 17. Why do you think some people tend to despise those who suffer?
- 18. How important is it to be attractive in order to be held in high regard?
- 19. What are the different ways in which a person might attract a following?
- 20. How is the imagery in God's prophecy of the mission of the Messiah full of meaning?
- 21. Why was it necessary for a righteous servant to be the bearer of sins?
- * 22. What great spiritual treasures were gained for us by the death of Jesus Christ?
- * 23. What sufferings of Jesus (such as those described in Luke 23:1-56) were foretold in Isaiah 53?

Apply It

- * 24. What one goal for your relationship with God can you work on in the coming weeks by contemplating His sacrifice for you?
- 25. How can you plan to answer the next person who questions you about Jesus' humiliation and suffering?