

How can I pray for our church and its people this week?

Quotes to Ponder

It is unsurpassed in clarity and precision—not only as a description of Christ’s crucifixion but, more importantly, as a thorough explanation of how our Lord’s death on the cross purchased atonement for His people. Isaiah gives us the sum and substance of the gospel. Every essential gospel doctrine rests on some fact of history, thread of truth, or article of faith declared in Isaiah 53.

John McArthur

Every footfall on the way to Calvary echoed through the universe with this message: The glory of God is of infinite value!

John Piper

The heart of the unique message of the Bible is that the transcendent immortal God came to earth Himself and became weak, vulnerable to suffering and death. He did this all for us — all to atone for our sin, to take the punishment we deserved. If it is true, it is the most astonishing and radical act of self-giving and loving sacrifice that can be imagined.

Timothy Keller

When Jesus took on flesh, He chose to pour Himself into the humblest of human forms. Just as Jesus chose poverty instead of wealth and servanthood instead of power, He chose to be ordinary instead of attractive. He chose the ugliness of the cross so that we could become beautiful.

Nancy Guthrie

The iniquity of which we are guilty does not come back to us to meet and strike us as we might rightly expect, but rather strikes the Servant of Yahweh in our stead.... The guilt that belonged to us God caused to strike Him. He as our substitute bore the punishment that the guilt of our sin required.... The Shepherd has given His life for the sheep.

Edward J. Young

Our Savior is no longer in Gethsemane agonizing, or upon the cross expiring. The crown of thorns has been replaced by many crowns of sovereignty. The nails and the spear have given way to the scepter. Nor is this all, for though the suffering is ended, the blessed results never end.

Charles H. Spurgeon



Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Sermon
Notes

December 22, 2019

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. Compare *Isaiah 52:13* with *Isaiah 6:1*; *33:10*; and *57:15*. What does this tell us about the Servant of *Isaiah 52* and *53*?
3. Look at *Isaiah 52:13* and *14*. Why are they so different? Explain.
4. What does *Isaiah 52:15* say this One will do? What's the significance of this according to the following verses?
Exodus 29:21 — *Leviticus 14:7* —

Leviticus 8:11, 30 — *Numbers 8:7* —
5. Read *Isaiah 53:3*. Who despised Jesus during His birth, life, and ministry?

How was Jesus a *man of sorrows* during His life on earth?
6. List the phrases in *Isaiah 53:4-6* which have *our*, *we*, and *us* as part of them. What does this tell you?
7. According to *Isaiah 53:4-6*, what was the reason of the Servant's suffering and death?
8. Who does *Isaiah 53:6* include? Exclude?
9. *Isaiah 53:7* best describes what part of Jesus' life? Explain.

10. According to *Isaiah 53:10*, who killed Jesus? Why?
11. What does *Isaiah 53:12* tell us He has done for us? Why?
12. What does *Isaiah 53:12* say the Servant is doing for His people today? Where does it state this in the New Testament?
13. Read the following passages and note how each of them demonstrate the way in which Jesus fulfilled *Isaiah 53*.
Mark 10:45 —

Romans 3:21-26 —

1 Peter 2:21-25 —
14. According to *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*, How can a sinner be forgiven fully and reconciled to God and thus escape eternal hell and enter eternal heaven?

List the characteristics of the suffering Servant given here. What parts of Jesus' life do these prophecies make you think of?

What did the suffering Servant do to deserve His punishment? What have we done to deserve His grace?

Reflection Questions: Do I truly see myself as a sinner worthy of death and eternal separation from God? What is my only hope? How can I bring glory to God this Christmas season?