



2: *The Suffering Servant*

Today we see in brutal detail, how the Promised Savior was beaten and crucified - the Suffering Servant fulfilling what the Hebrew prophets predicted hundreds of years before. Today we discover why this great price was paid & whether it was worth the price.

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teachingnotes

Jesus didn't just claim to be a good man, **Jesus claimed to be the GOD-MAN**. And for that, he was arrested and handed over to the Romans for crucifixion. Way before that, at the beginning of his ministry, we see **John the Baptist** use really strange language to talk about Jesus.

John Points to the Lamb of God

John 1:29 (NIV) The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!"

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, we see John the Baptist use really strange sacrificial language pointing to Jesus as the Promised Savior!

Crazy Claims...Unless They're True

John 8:51-53 (NIV) Very truly I tell you, **whoever obeys my word will never see death.**" At this they exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?"

John 8:56-59 (NIV) Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad." "You are not yet fifty years old," they said to him, "and you have seen Abraham!" "Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, **I AM!**" At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

Jesus claims to **I AM** - the God who long before spoke to Moses from the burning bush!

Exodus 3:14 (NIV)

God said to Moses, "**I am** who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: '**I am** has sent me to you.'"

So, Jesus claimed to be GOD - which is **blasphemy** - for which the Old Testament penalty is DEATH by stoning.

Jesus - Killed for His Claim

John 10:30-33 (NIV) I and **the Father are one.**" Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?" "We are not stoning you for any good work," they replied, "but **for blasphemy**, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."

Jesus on Trial before the Sanhedrin

Matthew 26:63-68 (NIV)

But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, **the Son of God.**" "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken **blasphemy!** Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the **blasphemy.** What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered. Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

Jesus is taken to Pilate - the Roman governor of the area. They want Pilate to crucify Him, but Pilate is reluctant.

Pilate decides to give him a flogging. (There was no 39-lash maximum for the Romans; that was only for Jews flogging other Jews with sticks.) *The Romans used a woven leather whip known as the **flagrum**, with pieces of metal balls and sharp bone tied onto the strips. The metal bruised the skin causing bleeding under the skin; the bone lacerated the skin causing an incredible loss of blood. Pilate brings Jesus back out, hoping that would satisfy his enemies. It does not, so Pilate sends Jesus to be crucified.*

Jesus Abused By Romans

Matthew 27:27-31 (NIV) Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They **stripped him** and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and **mocked him**. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They **spit on him**, and **took the staff and struck him on the head again and again**. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they **led him away to crucify him**.

⑦ Remember the story of *Abraham* getting ready to offer up his son *Isaac* on Mt. Moriah (current day Jerusalem) Remember that the son carried the very wood he was to be sacrificed on? Remember how the bodies of the sacrifices on Yom Kippur would be taken *OUTSIDE the walls of the Jewish community*?

† Jesus was sacrificed *just outside the walls of Jerusalem*, in the same area of Mt. Moriah - carrying the wood He would be sacrificed on, until He could carry it no more. But this time, there would be no **sacrificial substitute**...because **HE WAS IT!**

Christ Crucified

Matthew 27:35-37 (NIV)

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: **THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS**.

While on the cross, Jesus cried out...

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mt 27:46)

1000 Year Old Prophecy about the Suffering Servant

Psalms 22:1 (NIV)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

Psalms 22:6-8a (NIV)

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. "He trusts in the LORD [YAHWEH]," they say, "let the LORD rescue him."

Psalms 22:16-18 (NIV)

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; **they pierce my hands and my feet**. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. **They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment**.

† King David (the author) didn't know about crucifixion! It hadn't been invented by the Persians yet, and certainly not yet perfected by the Romans.

X Had Jesus been killed by the Jews, *they would have stoned Him to death* - not pierced His hands and feet!

Further, **King David prophecies about clothing being gambled for**, and sure enough, this is what the Roman soldiers did, casting lots to determine who got the nice piece of clothing.

John 19:24b (NIV) This happened that **the scripture might be fulfilled** that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did.

700 Year Old Prophecy about the Death & Burial Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:9 (NIV) 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.

The Suffering Servant would **DIE "with the wicked"** - sinners - in this case, CRIMINALS. And a rich man, a secret follower of Jesus - *Joseph of Arimathea* (Mt 27:57-60) - buries Jesus in his own brand new family tomb; Jesus is buried "**with the rich in his death**".

Prophecy about Resurrection of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:10-11 (NIV) 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. After He has suffered, 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**.

This isn't the end. After His suffering He would **see the light of life**. And sure enough, Jesus did just that - RAISING from the dead! This Righteous Servant would **justify many** - making them right with God by trading their sins for His righteousness.

The disciples of Jesus, however, thought it was OVER. Their King had been killed and they were fearful for their own lives.

But then it happened on that Sunday morning. The women went to the tomb and found out, that Jesus was alive! Jesus first shows Himself to the female disciples who showed up at the tomb, including Mary Magdalene.

🔍 Mary looks in the tomb with the stone rolled away & she sees 2 angels - 1 at the head & another at the foot of where Jesus' body had been ([Jn 20:11-12](#)).

❓ Remember where the priest would offer the blood of the bull and goat on Yom Kippur - **on the mercy seat** - representing the throne of God - the place between 2 angels?

✝ The Ark of the Covenant was a picture of what SHE saw that day! The final sacrifice had been put on the mercy seat and **IT IS FINISHED** - the PERFECT SUBSTITUTE SACRIFICE had completed the task, once and for all! The Suffering Servant has payed our price and HE IS ALIVE! That changed the COURSE for the rest of the disciples lives!

The Great Exchange

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

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

❓ ARE YOU WORTH THE PRICE? Jesus thinks so...

People are Precious, Sin is Serious, & God is Gracious.

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

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discussionquestions

Take some time to discuss these questions with your family, friends, or group.

1. Why was Jesus killed? (Leaders Note: Jesus was killed for His claim to be GOD IN SKIN. Bigger than that, Jesus died to make payment for our sins.)
2. How did the description of the brutality of Jesus' death impact you? What were you thinking as you heard about what Jesus went through?
3. Take some time to Read [Ps 22:1, 6-8](#), & 16-18. Then read [Isaiah 53:1-12](#) and let the students highlight what stood out most for them.
4. How is it that King David, writing 1,000 years before Jesus' death & Isaiah (700 years before Jesus' death) could be so accurate? How does this impact your trust of the Scriptures?
5. Read [2 Cor 5:17-21](#). Discuss what Jesus' death really means for US. Should we also be "ambassadors" - what does that mean? (Leaders Note: Make sure to highlight that Jesus paid for ALL sin that we TURN FROM. If we turn from sin and follow Jesus, our sin is REALLY FORGIVEN!)
6. Share any 'aha' moments in today's study - what you learned or how you were challenged. What's God want YOU to do with what we studied today?
7. Take time to share prayer needs and then pray for one another.