

Isaiah 53:3-5

The Full Range of Human Suffering

Psychological Suffering

Injustice

A man without a country

Betrayal and loneliness

Temptation vv. 29-32

Mockery... of the king

Palace v. 16

Purple cloak v. 17

Crown of thorns v. 17

Salute him v. 18

King of the Jews v. 18

Pay homage to him v. 19

Physical Suffering

Scourged v. 15

Crown of thorns v. 17

Striking head with a reed v. 19

Refusing the wine mixed with myrrh v. 23 (no painkiller)

Crucified him v. 24

Eternal, Supernatural, Cosmic Suffering

The darkness

His cry – “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Healing and Peace

The veil

The centurion

Something new is here

*The blind can now see.
The Gentiles can now believe.
The ungodly can approach God.
Light now dispels the darkness.*

So... give hope

Concerning Samwise Gamgee, when it seemed all hope was lost: “He looked up into the sky and he saw a star twinkling. The beauty of it smote his heart and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end, the shadow and darkness was only a small and passing thing. There was light and high beauty forever beyond its reach. His song, back in the tower, had been defiance rather than hope, for then he was thinking of himself. Now for a moment, his own fate ceased to trouble him; putting away all fear he cast himself into a deep untroubled sleep.”

2 Corinthians 4:6 “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

Questions for Personal Study

1. Why did Jesus have to suffer like this? Why was it prophesied?
2. What is the connection between the Good News and what Jesus did on the cross for us?
3. Why did they mock Jesus? Why do they still today?
4. How might you give the hope of the Gospel to someone else?