

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Pierced for Our Transgressions – Isaiah 53:1-12

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of a question we rarely ask
2. Why Christ Died
3. What Christ Accomplished
4. How We Must Respond
5. Conclusion – Christ's passive obedience radically transforms how we think and act

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Isaiah 52:13 - Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up...
- John 12:36b-38 - When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them...they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us...?"
- Ephesians 2:1-3 - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world...and were by nature children of wrath...
- Deuteronomy 27:26 - Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words...by doing them.
- Acts 2:23 - This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake He made Him to be sin, who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.
- Leviticus 16:21-22 - And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel...The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.
- Romans 3:25 - whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood...
- John 19:30 - It is finished!
- Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- What is your immediate reaction to the question: "How can a holy God forgive/save sinners?"
- Why was it not a possibility for God to simply overlook human sin?
- How does the quote "sin against an infinite God makes us infinitely guilty" help you understand the severity of your sin?
- What does Isaiah mean when he says, "It was the will of the Lord to crush him"?
- What impact does Isaiah's use of "our" in the context of sin help you realize that your sin is what led to Christ dying?
- In what way was our iniquity (sin) put on Jesus?
- How does the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16 help us understand the transfer of guilt?
- What is the peace that the chastisement of Christ brought us?
- Why can we say that Jesus actually accomplished salvation and did not merely make it possible?
- How can you find confidence knowing that, through faith in Christ, the fires of judgment cannot touch you because they touched Him?
- In what ways does your day to day life reflect that you do not fully believe that Jesus paid it all? What actions do you try to add to what Christ has already done?
- Why is it crucial we believe we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone?
- How does the active and passive obedience of Christ make you more thankful?
- How does this passage and sermon stir up the affections of your heart so that you love Christ more and commit afresh to serving Him all the days of your life?