

## **He is risen.**

- Open your Bibles to Isaiah 53:3-12.
- Though this day is the Lord's Day and isn't any more holy or special than other Lord's Days, it's become custom for Christians to set this day aside each year to reflect upon the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- And that's certainly not a bad thing. It's good to reflect on the glory of the risen Christ.
- So our theme this morning will be The Suffering Servant Satisfied.

**NOTE:** I'm indebted to an old sermon by John Piper for my outline today.

## **Seven-hundred years before Christ was born, the prophet Isaiah penned our text.**

- He wrote concerning the Messiah, our Lord Jesus.
- In particular, he wrote about His death, His resurrection, and His satisfaction.
- And when I say "satisfaction," I mean Christ's joy. His happiness and contentedness in what He accomplished by His death and resurrection.

## **I hope you know that our Lord Jesus is forever blessed.**

- As God, the divine Son, the Second Person of the holy Trinity, He is eternally blessed.
- But since His resurrection from the dead, He is supremely blessed not only as God, but as MAN.
- He has entered into His state of exaltation as the God-Man. So now, in both natures, He is exalted above all!
- And part of His exaltation is His complete satisfaction

in the results of His work that He did on earth.

- Jesus is happy with what He has done. As man, He has been rewarded for what He has done. And in both natures, He is forever glorified and content.

**So our focus this morning will be on three things:**

1. The Purpose of Christ's Death.
2. The Reality of His Resurrection.
3. The Satisfaction of the Risen Christ.

- And I'll go ahead and give you the application: We ought to rejoice in and FOR Him!

- As we consider His death and resurrection, we should rejoice in what He has done for our salvation.

- And as we consider His satisfaction, we ought to rejoice FOR Him. Be happy for Him, for worthy is the Lamb!

**That's where we're headed this morning.**

- May God bless the preaching of His Word.

**If you would, and are able, please stand with me now for the reading of the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God.**

**Isaiah 53:3-12**

**[3]** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**[4]** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God,

and afflicted.

**[5]** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**[6]** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**[7]** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

**[8]** By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

**[9]** And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth

**[10]** Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**[11]** Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

**[12]** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the

transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## **(PRAY)**

### ***Our Great God,***

*•You've spoken in your Word. You've told us wonderful things. And we're eager to hear more.*

*•So we ask that you would speak again to our souls by your Holy Spirit working through your Word.*

*•Show us glorious things today.*

*•Show us our crucified and risen Lord.*

*•And make our hearts to rejoice and praise you for the great salvation you've worked for us in your Son.*

*•Speak, Lord. For your servants are listening.*

*•We ask these things in Jesus' Name and for His sake.*

*•Amen.*

### **1.) Our passage today is from one of the “Servant Songs” of Isaiah. (52:13-53:12)**

•It's about God's chosen Servant who would save His People from their sins.

•And all over the NT, this passage is shown to be fulfilled in our Lord Jesus.

### **Our Lord healed the sick.**

•And in Matthew 8:17 we read, “This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.’”

•That's v4.

**In Luke 22:37, Jesus says, “For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled IN ME: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors...’”**

- That’s v12.

**In Acts 8:32, the Ethiopian Eunuch was reading from Isaiah and Philip the Evangelist preached Christ from the passage.**

- What text was it?

**“Now the passage of the Scripture he was reading was this: ‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent so he opens not his mouth.’”**

- That’s v7

**Speaking of Christ, 1 Peter 2:22 says, “He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.”**

- That’s v9.

**•And again in 1 Peter 2:24-25: “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”**

- That’s vv5-6.

**In Matthew 20:28, our Lord said, “...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”**

- That’s v11.

**And that’s not to mention the fact that in the book**

**of Acts the word “servant” is applied to Christ four times in reference to His death.**

- And Philippians 2:7-8 says that the Son of God took the form of a servant.

- And what is this passage of Isaiah? It’s a “Servant Song.” It’s about the Servant of the LORD.

- As 52:13 says, “Behold, my SERVANT shall act wisely...”

**Isaiah spoke of our Lord Jesus seven-hundred years before He came to earth.**

- His death, resurrection, and glory was foretold.
- Know this: Unless you want to try to believe that a group of unlettered men crafted a story about Jesus that fulfilled all that Isaiah said, without contradicting one another, and within the lifetime of other eyewitnesses who could’ve proved it to be false, then you must confess that the book you’re holding in your hands is the Word of God.

**Christ was indeed pierced, crushed, and wounded.**

- He was oppressed and afflicted, and did not defend Himself.

- He was killed by the oppressive judgments of false courts.

- He was numbered with the transgressors. Crucified between two wicked men.

- He was buried with the rich. In a rich man’s tomb.

- And He rose from the dead.

- The reality of an empty tomb has never been refuted.

- And Isaiah prophesied all of it.

## **2.) Now, we want to get to the resurrection of Christ.**

•But in order to consider His resurrection, we must first remember His death.

- After all, resurrection necessitates a prior death.
- And, remembering His death, we must remember WHY HE DIED.

### **All over this passage, Isaiah tells us the purpose of Christ's death:**

•“Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief...”

- It was GOD'S WILL to crush Christ.
- Jesus' death was not random.
- His false imprisonment, sham trial, and murder was not what some would chalk up to life in a cruel world.
- No. It was the will of God that He be crushed.
- And it was the LORD who crushed Him.

### **What a dreadful thought!**

•God was crushing Christ at the cross!  
•But why? What wrong had He done? What had He done to deserve the stroke of divine justice and unyielding wrath?

- It wasn't for any wrong in Christ. He had no sins.
- As v9 says, “...He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in Him mouth.”

•He was without sin. He was falsely accused of blasphemy. He was wrongfully condemned by wicked men who hated Him.

•Those who looked on at the Man on the cross thought God was punishing Him.

•As v4 says, "...yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted."

**But it wasn't for any wrong in Him that He was crushed.**

•It was the will of the LORD to crush Him and put Him to grief because by His suffering and death, "His soul makes an offering for guilt..."

**Did you hear that?**

- The Lord Jesus was making an offering for guilt.
- Like an OT lamb was sacrificed as a guilt offering for sin, our Lord was making atonement by His death.
- He was offering Himself as a sacrifice to take away the guilt and sin of God's People.

**And hear this: HE MADE THE OFFERING!**

- This wasn't forced. He wasn't coerced.
- He is the Servant of the LORD. As a man, Jesus Christ desired to do the will of God, which, as God, is His own will.
- Christ's death wasn't forced. Our Lord willingly laid down His life as a guilt offering.

**And this guilt offering of our Lord, the Messiah, was a SUBSTITUTION.**

•Listen to vv4-6: "Surely He has borne OUR griefs and carried OUR sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS; He was crushed FOR OUR INIQUITIES; UPON HIM WAS THE CHASTISEMENT that brought us peace, and with HIS WOUNDS we are

healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD HAS LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.”

**It was OUR sin that He bore.**

- It was OUR transgressions. OUR iniquities.
- Instead of charging us with our sins, as we justly deserve, God laid our sins upon Christ.
- AND THEN HE CRUSHED HIM!
- The chastisement, the punishment, the penalty that should have fallen upon US, fell upon Him instead!

**At the cross, Christ bore the fullness of the wrath of God for our sins**

- He made Himself a guilt offering for the guilty.
- He gave Himself as a substitute for us.

**The wages of sin is death.**

- Under the Old Covenant, animal sacrifices reminded men that if sinners are to live, something must die.
- Sinners deserve to die. Sinners deserve to suffer the wrath of God, eternal death in Hell.
- So if sinners are to live, then something has to pay for what they've done.
- Something has to take the place of the guilty sinner, or the sinner will have to pay himself for what he's done.

**And this glorious passage tells that our Lord Jesus offered Himself to pay for what we've done.**

- He placed Himself under the wrath and justice of God, in the place of all who would ever believe on Him.
- And He did so that we might live!

- That, though guilty and sinful, we might be reconciled to God, forgiven of our sins, and made righteous in His sight.

### **His offering has taken away our sins!**

- All the unbelief. All the atheism. All the arrogance.
- All the fornication, drunkenness, pornography use; the self-righteousness and pride; the hatefulness, spite, outbursts of anger; the sinful speech, immodesty, and shamelessness; the lying, stealing, and cheating; the hypocrisy, selfishness, and idolatry.
- ALL OF IT...GONE!
- ALL OF IT...PAID FOR!
- The Righteous One was stricken, smitten, and afflicted, cursed and crushed by God, IN OUR PLACE!
- And now we who believe in Him go free. For a guilt offering that satisfies the justice of God has been made for us!

### **How amazing is this!**

- That the sinless Son of God would do this for us!
- That though we all like sheep have gone astray, the Good Shepherd would willingly lay down His life for us!
- Who are we, that we should be so loved?
- Who are we, that we should gain from His death?
- And yet here we are!
- We who believe will live. For Christ has died for us.
- This is the core of our Faith: Christ in our place.

### **3.) The Messiah would die for the sins of His People.**

- But Isaiah tells us that our Lord wasn't to remain dead.

•Now, he doesn't use the word "resurrection" in this prophecy. But the things He wrote about the Messiah don't make sense unless there was to be a resurrection.

**After He makes an offering for guilt, v10 says,**

•"He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand."

- Though He shall die, He shall see!
- His days are to be prolonged, even though He dies.
- By His hand the will of God will prosper.
- How will those things happen if He stays dead?

**V11 says,** "Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied..."

•Again, how will He see, having suffering the anguish of soul, having suffered and died, if He remains dead?

**And v12:** "Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, BECAUSE He poured out His soul to death..."

•After pouring out His soul to death, He will receive blessing above all from God.

**Isaiah implies resurrection.**

- His words are nonsense if Christ was not raised.
- And indeed, Christ was raised from the dead on the Third Day!
- On the first Lord's Day, the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for HE HAS RISEN, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that HE HAS RISEN FROM

**THE DEAD...**” (Matthew 28:5-7a)

•And just a few verses later, we read, “And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshipped Him.”

**Friends, the Lord Jesus is alive and well.**

- Isaiah’ prophecy has been fulfilled.
- Christ has died. And Christ is risen.
- Let all the redeemed praise the Lord!

**4.) And since He is risen, all the blessings Isaiah foretold would belong to Him ARE HIS.**

•That’s where we’re going to spend the rest of our time: The Satisfaction of the Risen Christ.

**V11 says,** “Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied...”

•Because He suffered so greatly, according to the will of God and in order to save sinners, He is not only risen but SATISFIED.

•He is happy! He is content! He is blessed!  
•He is pleased with what He accomplished by His suffering and death for His People.

•Just as a woman travails in labor, enduring great pain, but then forgets the pain and is immensely pleased at the sight of her newborn child, so our Lord will see and be satisfied at the fruit of His work of redemption.

•He now has unspeakable pleasure in the fruit of His labors.

**Now, what is it that gives Him such great satisfaction now that He is risen?**

1. vv10-11 say, “the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand...by His knowledge shall the Righteous One, my Servant, make many to be accounted righteous...”

- God’s will to save sinners will prosper by Christ’s hand.
- God’s will shall come to pass because of Christ’s work.
- Jesus shall see many, all those for whom He died, all those who will believe, accounted righteous for His sake, by His work, and in Him.

**Christ will see all His People come to trust in Him.**

- “By His knowledge.” That is, by the knowledge OF HIM He shall “make many to be accounted righteous.”
- By knowing Him. By trusting in Him.
- By faith alone! By clinging to Christ and His merits.
- It pleases Christ to see that it’s HIS WORKS and not theirs that make them righteous.
- That it’s His obedience, not theirs. His death, not their penance. That it is HE who saves them!
- Our Lord is pleased to see that His work is sufficient to save His People.
- And He is pleased to see His People declared righteous by God for His sake.

**He is pleased to see His righteousness given to His precious ones.**

- He is pleased to hear God’s legal declaration that His righteousness and perfect standing before God has become the legal property of His People.
- He made an offering for their guilt in His death. And He

provides righteousness for the unrighteous.

- He is pleased to give a free and full salvation to all who will believe.

### **And not one of His People will be lost!**

- All those for whom He died will be gathered to Him.
- And He died for those who will believe. He died for the Elect of God.
- Not one drop of His precious blood will have been shed in vain.
- He shall see and be satisfied! He won't be missing a single person that He died for!
- He won't have a single unfulfilled desire! He shall have the fullness of the reward for which He suffered!
- He shall have every soul that He purchased!

### **Do you see that Christ is pleased to save sinners?**

- It is His DELIGHT to save all who will come to Him.
- I'll tell you this: He's quicker to save than you are to repent and believe.
- His delight in saving you is greater than your delight in coming to Him.
- O, sinner, hear that! He is pleased to save you, if only you will believe in Him. For that is why He died.

### **2. V10 says, "He shall see His offspring..."**

- This is pure joy for Him. He will see a great multitude that no man can number, saved by His work.
- Both Jew and Gentile. Men, women, and children from all nations. Redeemed sinners throughout all ages.
- Those He saves are His children. He has given them the new birth. They're His spiritual offspring.

- He died childless. But He is not without offspring. His Family is the largest of all.

### **And He'll see them!**

- He'll see them come to know Him by faith.
- He'll see them and watch over them while they live in this world.
- And then He'll see them face to face in glory.
- Listen to 1 John 3:2: "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS."

### **We will be with Him.**

- And the astounding thing is that it's His joy to bring us to His side and be with us forever.
- Not that we deserve it. Not that we're desirable. We aren't. We're miserable sinners.
- But by grace alone, because of His love, He desire to see us!
- He desires to look us in the face. We whom He purchased at the Cross.
- And He desires us to look full in His wonderful face, that we might be full of His joy forevermore.

**Looking forward to the results of His death, He said,** "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am..." (John 17:24)

- His desire is to see us and have us see Him.
- As the hymn says, "Those He saves are His delight... precious in His holy sight..."
- And shall be satisfied!

3. V10 says, "...He shall prolong His days..."

•As God, the Son is eternal. But as a man, He now lives forever.

•In both natures, then, HE IS FOREVER!

•Hear His blessed words in Revelation 1:18: "...I died, and behold I am alive forevermore..."

**He will never die again!**

•That was a one-time deal for Him.

•He will never suffer again!

•Never again will He know the cold grave. For He tasted death once and then conquered it!

**His time of humiliation was thirty-three years and that was enough.**

•Never again. He is LORD!

•No one will ever again mock Him to His holy face!

•He will never be spat upon or cursed again.

•He will never be struck again.

•He will never know anguish of soul again.

•He will never die again.

**He is risen!**

•He is risen to a glorified, imperishable body.

•And He dwells in a place where sin is not permitted to show its ugly face.

•He shall prolong His days in glory!

•He is forever blessed. Satisfied.

4. Lastly, we look at v12: "Therefore I will divide with Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the

spoil with the strong...”

- God uses the language of a conquering victor to describe the blessing Christ receives.
- After a great military victory, great generals in battle received a portion of the spoil.
- Jesus will take the plunder/reward of the battle against sin, Satan, and death.

**Don't let the phrase, “divide with Him a portion” make you think that Christ only gets a piece of glory and reward.**

- The word translated “divide” often means “impart” or “give to.”
- It's used in other places as “allotted” where there is no actual division.
- The point is this: God promised to give a portion, a proper reward, to Christ.

**And this portion is “with the many,” or “with the great.”**

- That is, it's a portion that people of great power and authority would receive.
- Kings and rulers are the many/great.
- God promised a reward to Christ that will show everyone Christ's authority and power.
- In other words, HE WILL BE KING!

**Having conquered sin and death, and having saved His People from their sins, Christ has received authority and power.**

- Philippians 2:9-11: “Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every

name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

### **Jesus Christ is LORD!**

- He is King of all kings and Lord of all lords.
- Everyone shall bow down to Him. Whether willingly or unwillingly, it doesn't matter.
- His reward is His limitless authority and the acknowledgement of His supremacy by everything.
- Even Satan himself will confess that Jesus is Lord.
- He is the greatest. He is the strongest.
- The One who was formerly despised and rejected is now exalted high!

### **The world belongs to Christ.**

- The Kingdom of God belongs to Christ.
- All authority in Heaven and on earth belongs to Christ.
- He is King. And He shall have dominion.
- In both time and eternity, Jesus Christ shall reign!
- And praise be to God, one day He will come again and personally reign over all things in this world.

### **Christ is satisfied!**

- He has received Lordship, a Kingdom, universal dominion, and He will conquer every enemy!

### **And why is He so satisfied?**

- Why does He see His offspring, prolong His days, make many righteous, and have all authority?
- V12: “because He poured out His soul to death and

was numbered with the transgressors...”

•Because He “bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

•HE IS FOREVER BLESSED BECAUSE HE IS THE SAVIOR!

•He is satisfied because He has done what no one else could.

•It is finished. And Christ is satisfied.

### **5.) Christian, be happy for your Lord!**

•He suffered so much for you.

•Surely, if anyone deserves to be satisfied, it’s Him.

•And if anyone should be glad for Him, it’s we who have benefited from His work.

**In this life we often rejoice to see good men receive good done to them.**

•How much more should we rejoice to see our Lord receive everything?

### **Christian, rejoice FOR your King!**

•Be glad for Him. Praise God that He is so satisfied.

•Declare His greatness. Smile for Him.

•And in holy worship, shout from the depths of your soul, “LONG LIVE THE KING!”

**And to any unbeliever among us, let me ask you a question:**

•Do you know my King?

•Can you rejoice for Him?

•Or do you have only fear of Him because you’re still in your sins?

**You know, He hates sin. And He promises to judge all who do not trust in Him.**

- He offered Himself as a guilt offering. And He is the only sacrifice that can take away your sin.
- You will look in vain for another. You will labor in vain to make yourself right with God.
- You need Christ. You need the righteousness He gives. Without it, you will be damned.

**But hear this:** Christ offers you a place with Him.

- The God you've sinned against offers you salvation today.
- As you've heard already, it's Christ's joy to save every sinner who will believe in Him.
- He's more ready to save you than you are to repent and believe in Him.

**So why do you delay?**

- Why do you sit there and debate in your head whether or not to come to Him?
- The only hope you have is offering Himself to you if you will only turn from your sin and to Jesus.
- By faith in Him, He will make you righteous in God's sight. He promises.

**So trust in Him and live! Believe and be saved!**

- Now is the appointed time. Not later.
- Today is the day of salvation. Tomorrow is the Devil's day. But today Christ offers salvation to you.

**May God grant hearts bursting with joy to those**

**who believe.**

- And may He grant faith to the unbelieving, that they may enter into true joy in Christ.

- Amen.