

### Three Truths of the Cross Isaiah 53:4-6

#### **We have a situation worse than we can describe.**

##### **Text Message:**

- Here the prophet Isaiah moves from the language of “this is what we thought” (“we esteemed”) to personal responsibility: “he was pierced for our **transgressions.**”  
“He was crushed for our **iniquities.**”  
“all we like sheep have **gone astray.**”  
“laid on him the **iniquity of us all.**”
- Here too the language describes well the crucifixion Jesus endured and where other interpretations fall apart.
- This is not about Israel but describes what Jesus would do for Israel/World. The apostles would agree (Mt 8:17; 1 Pe 2:24).
- Those who crucified Christ were not moral monsters, but normal religious people!
- *Father in Heaven! Hold not our sins up against us but hold us up against our sins so that the thought of You when it wakens in our soul, and each time it wakens, should not remind us of what we have committed but of what You did forgive, not of how we went astray but of how You did save us.*  
Søren Kierkegaard, The Prayers of Kierkegaard.

- *Such love, such wondrous love! Such love, such wondrous love!  
That God should love a sinner such as I, how wonderful is love like this!* Such Love, 1929, C. Bishop & Robert Harkness

#### **We have a Savior better than we deserve.**

<sup>5</sup> 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.

##### **Text Message:**

- Look again at the words of crucifixion: He was pierced... crushed... chastised... wounded...
- As many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— Isaiah 52:14
- May we not mature beyond the crucifixion of Christ!
- The pathway to being renewed in the love of the Savior is never the pathway of guilt, but of the goodness of God (Romans 2:4)!
- *That for a willful outcast such as I, the Father schemed,  
the Savior bled and died, Did ever human tongue find nobler theme,  
than love divine that ransomed me?*  
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- That God would flood our hearts by His Spirit this season in fresh visitation and outpouring of His Spirit!

#### **We have a salvation beyond what we can dream.**

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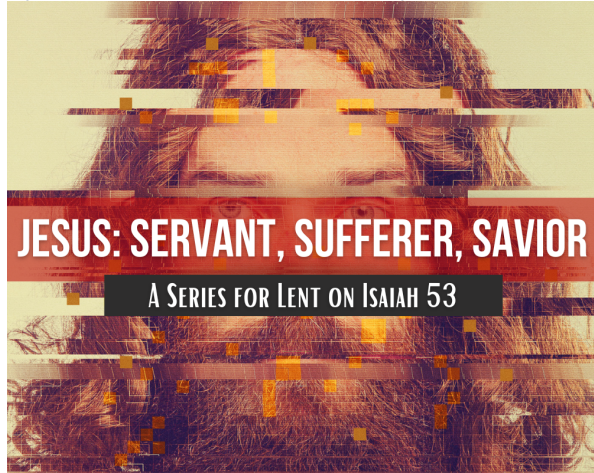
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- Remember, the Bible was not written **to** us but **for** us, so we must first ask what these words meant to Israel, and then make application to us.
- The language in Verse four of “bearing our griefs,” and “carrying our sorrows” is the language of Israel’s exile.
- To Israel this meant her God was returning to Israel, exile has ended, resulting in peace and healing.
- To the world this means that Israel’s God returned to her (in

Christ) to end the greater exile of humanity's separation from her Creator, and that peace and healing are available to all who turn to Christ.

- God gave us a way back when all we deserved a payback!

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