

The Unexpected Victories of the Cross Isaiah 53:10-12

Jesus' death was part of a much bigger plan.

Verse 10:

Text Message:

- Notice the very first line of Verse 10 and let it sink in!
- Jesus didn't simply die for His beliefs or "because that's what the Romans do to Jews who claim to be king" but as a part of a much bigger plan God had in mind all along:
"... this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men." Acts 2:23 (from the lips of the Apostle Peter).
- God was in Christ, using the evil collaboration between the Jewish religious leaders and Rome to bring about the victory of the cross in the reconciliation of God and humanity!
- And what is vital here is that we see both God the Father and God the Son in Jesus' death (John 3:16 with 10:11,15,17-18)!
- There are two key words in Verse 10 of the victory of the cross and God's bigger plan- **Offering** and **Offspring**:
- For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Cor. 15:3
- But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

- *How might Jesus' death' bring comfort when we don't know God's bigger plan?*

Jesus' death was not the end of the story.

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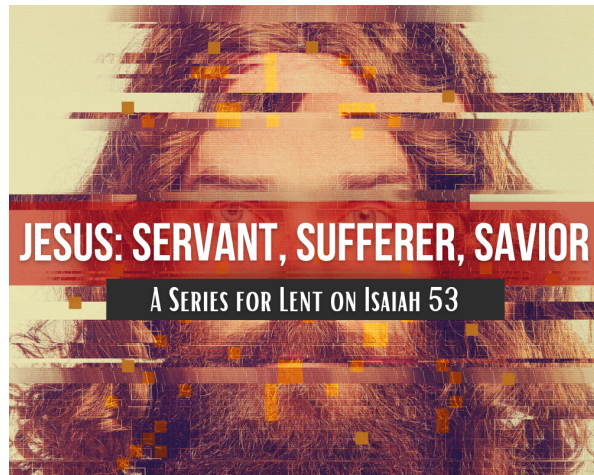
- Here Jesus' death would be both anguish and satisfaction.
- Notice how the New Testament fills in the gaps of the story: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2
- Jesus knew that His death would not be final (although no one else understood this):
"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."
John 10:17-18
- Jesus would "see and be satisfied:"
1) He would see because He was raised from the dead.
2) He would be satisfied with all those who would become righteous through Him.
- And because death was not the end of Jesus' story, it is not the end for all who believe in Him!

Jesus' death would change the world.

Verse 12:

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- Only Jesus' crucifixion would change the world:
The Macedonian king crucified 2,000 people in 332 B.C.
The Roman Crassus crucified 6,000 people in 71 B.C.
The Roman General Varus crucified 2,000 Jews in 4 B.C.
Can you name just one of any of these who were crucified?
- **The Gospel in Four Days:**
Good Friday- Jesus died for our sins.
Holy Saturday- Jesus lie in death to defeat death for us.
Easter Sunday- Jesus was raised from death and so will we!
Ascension- Jesus ascended to heaven and has **all** power!



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