Isaiah 53

- "The Passion of the Christ" is based on Isaiah 53
- Seeing this level of violence gets us to ask, "If he suffered like that, if he died for me, then what sort of response should I make to him?"

Jesus' suffering before and his death on the cross are both vital to our theological understanding of how he brings us back to God

1. What was the result of Adam and Eve's _____?

Ephesians 2:1-3

- Death
- Suffering

If Jesus was to overcome the effects of Adam and Eve's rebellion, he needed to enter into the suffering that we endure

Why is there so much human suffering?

- This isn't the way God intended the world to be
- We aren't the way God intended us to be

Notice HOW Jesus' suffering was administered

2. Jesus suffered under _____.

Pilate represents a moment in history
Pilate also represents the authority of the Gentile world

"Outside the camp" was the region "beyond the blessing of God"

- Place of the unclean and cursed
- Calvary was outside the city

3. Jesus was _____.

Deuteronomy 21:23
Galatians 3:13-14

- Jesus was taken outside the camp, to the place of curse, in order that we might be brought into the place of blessing

Isaiah 53:5

4. Jesus _____.

No only does Jesus identify with us in his suffering, he also enters with us into death

We die as the natural consequence of being REBELLIOUS human beings

- But when Jesus died, it was as a SINLESS human being

5. Jesus was _____.

They buried Jesus' body because he was DEAD

Isaiah 53:9

Wrap-Up (How do you respond?)

1. Make sure we've asked Jesus to take our sinfulness away from us
   - Make sure we've committed ourselves to him as our Lord and Savior

2. Realize we don't belong to this world
   - Hebrews 13:11-14

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