The Suffering Savior – God's Rescue Plan

Main text: Isaiah 53 | **Gospels:** Luke 18, Matthew 26–28, Mark 15, Luke 22–24, John 18–20

1 Who has believed our message? To whom has the Lord revealed his powerful arm?
2 My servant grew up in the Lord's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.
3 He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows[a] that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!
5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.
6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

7 He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.
8 Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people.
9 He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

10 But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands.
11 When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.
12 I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among the rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels.

"Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be turned over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him.'" (Luke 18:31–32)

Isaiah 53 v 10 says it was "***the Lord's good plan.***"

Isaiah 53:1-3: “Who has believed our message?… He grew up like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance… He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.”

Isaiah 53:4-6, 10: “He was crushed for our sins… the Lord laid on him the sins of us all… it was the Lord’s good plan to crush him.”

Isaiah 53:7-9: “He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter… Unjustly condemned, he was led away… He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone.”

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Matthew 27:28–31: “They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. ‘Hail, king of the Jews!’ they said. They spat on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again… Then they led him away to crucify him.”

1 Peter 2:24: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”

Matthew 27:46: “He cried, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Isaiah 53:10-12: “When his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life… He will see the light of life and be satisfied… I will give him the honors of a victorious soldier.”