

## **The Lamb That Was Slaughtered | Part 2**

Lesson 2

Isaiah 53

October 30, 2022

### **The Cost of God's Love**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In our lesson this week, we will be looking at the tremendous love our Father has for sinners in such a way as we find difficult to understand. The words of Isaiah reveal that God is truly the author of our faith and salvation.

In Isaiah 53, Isaiah shares that He will send a “servant” to take on the sins of the world, enabling all of mankind to have an eternal relationship with our living Lord. Our lesson centers on this prophecy, its accuracy, and the peace and healing Jesus’ sacrifice offers to all mankind.

***Memory verse: “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”—Isaiah 53:5***

Pray, and read Isaiah 53. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

**OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. Isaiah was given a vision of God's servant that will redeem mankind. Describe this servant. (Isaiah 53:2-3)
2. What did this Godly servant do for mankind? (Isaiah 53:4-6)
3. How did mankind respond? (Isaiah 53:4)
4. How did this Godly servant respond to mankind's abuse? (Isaiah 53:7)
5. What was God's purpose in sending this Godly servant? (Isaiah 53:10-12)

## **INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?**

1. As humans, we are naturally drawn to beautiful, powerful, majestic people. Why did God choose to send a humble, unattractive (Isaiah 53:2b), suffering servant to redeem mankind? (Mark 10:42b-45; John 13:12-15)
  
2. Isaiah is prophesying the sacrifice of Jesus for the redemption of mankind. The Apostle Paul, in 1Corinthians 5:7, referred to Jesus as the sacrificial lamb. What do you learn about Jesus' sacrifice from the events of the Passover? (Exodus 12)

3. There are hundreds of prophecies in the Old Testament pointing to Jesus as the Messiah. The odds of one man fulfilling all those prophecies are astronomical, but one man did. Read Matthew 27, and reread Isaiah 53. What prophecies of Isaiah were fulfilled, approximately 700 years later, as recorded by Matthew?
  
4. God revealed so much about Jesus' sacrifice centuries before He died. How might the accuracy of this revelation influence belief in the accuracy of Scripture? (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

**APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?**

1. What first attracted you to Jesus, and how did you respond? How can you use your experience to draw others to Jesus? (1 Peter 3:15)

2. The Bible says that we are to be humble (Proverbs 11:2, 29:23; Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3; James 4:10). Think about whether or not you practice the humility that Jesus exemplifies and teaches. Are there areas where you need to improve, and if so, what are they?

3. Jesus was “pierced for our transgressions” and “crushed for our iniquities”. (Isaiah 53:5) Write a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the sacrifice He made so that you may experience peace and healing.