

ISAIAH 53 (ESV)

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Sermon text next Sunday: Matthew 1:18-25

SURPRISING SERVANT

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The _____ would be _____
to us

Isa. 52:13-53:2
Isa. 9:6-7
Isa. 11:1-4
1 Sam. 16:7

The _____ would be _____
by us

Isa. 53:3-7
John 1:29
Acts 8:32
Matt. 26:53
John 19:10-11

The _____ would be _____
for us

Isa. 53:8-12
Mark 15:43
Rom. 5:19
2 Cor. 5:21

The _____ now _____
for us

Isa. 53:12b
Heb. 7:23-25

TALK IT OVER

Keep growing in your relationship with Jesus: Take the message with you into your week. Talk it over with your friends, coworkers, family, or Grow Group. (More ideas at npberean.org/group-resources, or visit npberean.org/grow-groups to connect.)

- ♦ How does the prophet Isaiah liken both humans and Jesus (God in human form) to sheep? In what ways do the similarities and differences between people and Jesus help me treasure God more?
- ♦ Isaiah 53 reminds us that Jesus bore our griefs, iniquities, and sin. When I'm called to bear with people who challenge or hurt me (or other people), what can I do practically to remember what Jesus did for me and let that shape my response?