



Series: Christmas 2025
Passage: Isaiah 52:13- 53
Title: The Servant Songs, Part 4
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Discussion Starter – How is your confidence in God’s word encouraged by the understanding that written copies of the prophecies of Isaiah dating from before the birth of Christ can be viewed today in a museum in Israel? How do the New Testament quotations from this chapter help to inform your understanding of Isaiah? How does the Isaiah context help to inform the New Testament setting for these quotations?

Read Isaiah 52:13-15

1. What 2 different profiles of the Servant are given in these verses?
2. How are these different profiles resolved in the single life of Jesus? What is the startling or shocking understanding that kings will come to understand? (Revelation 1:7)
3. When will this understanding be revealed? What part will we, believers in Christ, have in this revelation? (Colossians 3:2-4)

Read Isaiah 53:1-3

4. Was The Servant rejected by everyone? Who are those who believe the report?
5. What characteristics of the life of the Servant are identified in these verses? How do they differ from the role of One who is exalted and extolled, (52:13)?
 - a. How do belief and revelation work together in your life to know His glory and power in spite of His apparently lowly life? (John 12:37-38)

Read Isaiah 53:4-6

6. Why was Jesus wounded and bruised? What was accomplished through the wounding of the Servant? (Matthew 8:17)
 - b. What does it mean to “turn to your own way” as a sheep? What does it mean that our corporate iniquity was laid on Him?

Read Isaiah 53:7-9

7. What is the power of death? How did Jesus’ humble submission to His mission serve to defeat death? (Isaiah 25:8, 1 Corinthians 15:54-57)
 - c. What example does Jesus provide us to respond to opposition and persecution that we face because of the gospel? (1 Peter 2:18-24)
 - d. What amount of overcoming power did Jesus exhibit because of His obedient submission to His Father’s will? How has that power been demonstrated through the lives of believers throughout church history?

Read Isaiah 53:10-12

8. What is the source of the pleasure mentioned in the opening and closing verse 10?
9. How does this pleasure compare to the suffering and humiliation that Jesus endured on our behalf?
 - e. What does this passage reveal to you about understanding Jesus’ statements, “greater love has no man than he lay down his life for a friend.”, or “blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs in the kingdom of God”?