

Day 2 — Read Isaiah 53:1–6.

Throughout Isaiah, and most clearly in this passage, God reveals his plan for bringing about worldwide salvation through the Servant.

1. Read John 12:37–41. How does this passage help you understand Isaiah 53:1? (📖 Rom. 10:13–18)
2. How does the Servant appear when viewed through “earthly eyes”? (Is. 53:2b–4)
3. What did the chosen Servant of God experience? (Is. 53:3, 5, 6b)
4. Why did the people think the Servant was suffering? (Is. 53:4b)

What was the real reason the Servant was suffering? (Is. 53:4a, 5–6)

5. Reflect upon this personalized version of Isaiah 53:4–6 and write down your thoughts:

“Surely Jesus took up *my* infirmities and carried *my* sorrows,
yet *I* considered Jesus stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

But Jesus was pierced for *my* transgressions,
Jesus was crushed for *my* iniquities;
the punishment that brought *me* peace was upon Jesus,

and by his wounds *I* am healed.

I, like a sheep, have gone astray,

I have turned to *my* own way;

and the LORD has laid on Jesus all *my* iniquity.”

Who is the tender shoot?

Isaiah 11:1 says, “Out of the stump of David’s family [the root of Jesse], will grow a shoot - yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root” (NLT).

Isaiah 53:2 identifies the Servant as the promised shoot. From all outward appearances, he would not look like a powerful king or a conquering warrior, yet in his life, death and resurrection, he would fulfill all of God’s promises of redemption, reconciliation and renewal for his people and for the whole world.

All that we deserve because of our sin and rebellion against God, Jesus took on himself in his body on the cross; he was forsaken by God, so that we could be accepted by God.

Day 3 — Read Isaiah 53:7-9.

1. What words and images does Isaiah use to describe the Servant's suffering at the hands of others? (Is. 53:7-9)
2. How does the Servant respond to his oppressors? (Is. 53:7; 1 Pet. 2:23)

3. Below are quotations by Jesus' disciples that show his treatment was undeserved. Fill in the blanks.

Peter, quoting Isaiah (1 Pet. 2:22) "He committed _____."

John (1 Jn. 3:5b) "...in him is _____."

Paul (2 Cor. 5:21a) "...him who had _____."

4. What was Jesus able to accomplish for us because he was sinless? (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 1:18-19)

Day 4 — Read Isaiah 53:10-12.

1. Why was the Servant crushed and caused to suffer? (Is. 53:10a; Acts 2:22-23)
2. List the rewards the Servant receives for submitting to the LORD's will. Next to each one, write what you think it means. (Is. 53:10-12a)

Day 5 — Reread Isaiah 52:13—53:12.

1. Revelation 5:12–13 describes the worship the suffering Servant will receive in the future:


**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”**

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**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”**

In light of this week’s passage, what makes you want to join in this worship?

2. In preparation for eternity, how can you make worship a practice in your life now?

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

¹ J. Alec Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction & Commentary* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993), 425.

² Alec Motyer, *Isaiah by the Day: A New Devotional Translation* (Ross-shire, Scotland: Christian Focus Publications, 2011), 258.