

# Who is Jesus

## The Suffering Savior - Part 2

Isaiah 53

### Points to Consider

1. Isaiah 53 in the Gospels
2. Isaiah 53 in the Book of Acts
3. Isaiah 53 in the Epistles

### Isaiah 53 in the Gospels

Original Context - Isaiah was a prophet to Judah during the reign of Hezekiah. He was a prophet when Israel was taken into captivity in 722. He, along with Micah and Hezekiah, saved Judah from falling to the Assyrians.

**John 12:37-38** *But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"*

When dealing with the people's unbelief, John clearly links **Jesus** to Isaiah 53:1.

**Matt 8:16-17** *When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."*

Matthew mentioned Jesus' healing people as a **fulfillment** of Isaiah 53:4.

**Mark 15:27-32** *With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. 28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with the transgressors." 29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.*

Mark taught that Jesus being crucified with two **robbers** was a fulfillment of Isaiah 53:12.

### Isaiah 53 in the Book of Acts

**Acts 8:26-36** Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

*"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;  
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.  
33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away,  
And who will declare His generation?  
For His life is taken from the earth."*

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

**Starting** at Isaiah 53:7-8 Philip preached Jesus to the Ethiopian.

**Matt 27:12-14** And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" 14 But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

Jesus was **silent** when his accusers were wanting Him dead. He fulfilled Isaiah 53:7!

The phrase "He opened not His mouth" refers to the fact that He did not murmur or **complain**. He didn't offer any **resistance**.

"In His humiliation His justice was taken away" is a direct quote from the Septuagint, but varies from the Hebrew.

The Hebrew reads, "He was taken from prison and from judgment."

**Matt 26:55-56** In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. 56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. **Matt 27:1-2** When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Jesus was arrested, **forsaken** and bound up before he was delivered to Pilate. All this was a fulfillment of Scripture, namely Isaiah 53.

**Heb 12:1-2** *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

It was the shame or **humiliation** Jesus despised as he endured the cross.

**John 19:4-6** *Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." 5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" 6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."*

His justice was taken away! Pilate could find **no** fault in Him, yet He was led away to be crucified.

## Isaiah 53 in the Epistles

**Rom 10:16-17** *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Isaiah 53:1 is quoted by Paul in Romans 10:16 illustrating that not everyone who hears will believe.

**1 Peter 2:21-25** *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Peter eliminates any doubt that the Christ suffered for us. By going back and linking it to prophecy He indicates that the suffering Savior was **always** part of God's plan.

He committed **no** sin.

**John 8:45-47** *But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."*

**Matt 26:59-62** *Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, 60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" 62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"*

The chief priests gave up seeking **legitimate** testimony against Jesus, and had a difficult time even finding false testimony against Him. (see 2 Peter 2:11-12)  
The "charge" they settled on ended up becoming the **greatest** proof that He is the Christ, the Son of God.

**John 19:1-4** *So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. 3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."*

We are healed by His **stripes**. The Messiah was to be beaten.  
If someone wanted to pretend to be the Messiah, they would have chosen the king portion of the promise to fake, not the **suffering** portions.

## Points We Considered

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**Isa 53:4-6** *Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 All 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.*

**He** bore **our** griefs and carried away our sorrows.  
He suffered the wounds that our transgressions and iniquities **rightfully** deserve.  
The cost of our peace with God was **paid** through His chastisement.  
We are **healed** by his stripes.  
God placed all of our sins on Him!