

The Intentional Suffering of the Servant

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Introduction:

- A. Jesus is the only human being who had no b_____ (Jn 1:1)
 - 1. In His pre-human state, He acted as the W_____ or messenger of God.
 - 2. In His pre-human state, He existed as G_____ and therefore had no beginning (Ps 90:1,2)
- B. Before becoming human, the “Word” knew exactly what He was going to experience in order to become the S_____ of mankind.
 - 1. He had to give up this knowledge when becoming human – He had to l_____ just like any other human.
 - 2. He had to be completely d_____ upon God the Father (Jn 5:19)
- C. Jesus began His public ministry by reading a scroll of I_____ (Lk 4:16-20)
 - 1. He claimed to be the prophesied Servant by preaching the good news, h_____ the blind, freeing the oppressed...
 - 2. Every learned Jew knew that this prophesied Servant would s_____ a horrible death (Is 52:13,14; 53:5)
 - 3. Jesus intentionally suffered and today we will remember that suffering. – How will you celebrate this in the way you live?

Mark 8:31 – the Son of Man **MUST** suffer **MANY** things...be rejected...and be killed...but will rise again the third day.

He had to suffer p_____ – Matt 27:26-31; Is 52:14; 53:2-6

- A. He was s_____
 - a. A scourge was a multi-pronged leather whip with pieces of m_____ or bone attached to the end.
 - b. Do you have a picture in your mind of what He endured?
- B. He was b_____ beyond recognition
 - a. The Roman cohort, band, regiment beat Him in the head, which does not mean the skull but the f_____.
 - b. The Greek text uses a word that refers to a band of _____. He was beaten not by a few and not by all, but certainly by many.
 - c. The reason why people did not recognize the resurrected Jesus is because He was m_____ more than any man (Is 52:14).
- C. He was c_____
 - a. Both His hands and f_____ were nailed (Lk 24:40)
 - b. This was a slow death that usually took at least _____ hours.
 - c. He had the p_____ to come off that cross but l_____ kept Him there.

- D. Many have suffered painful things willingly
- Childbirth because the newborn is loveable
 - Persecution and torture because Christ is loveable
 - There was nothing in us to cause God to love us, which makes His love unc_____ (Rom 5:7,8)

He had to suffer s_____ - Jn 19:23,24; Lk 23:33-35; Is 53:7-9

- A. The shame of n_____
- The soldiers ripped His outer robe in four and g_____ for it.
 - The outer robe was used as a topcoat and a b_____.
 - The outer robe was sometimes used as a security d_____.
 - The soldiers removed His inner robe (KJV - coat; others a tunic).
 - Historically, slaves and common folk wore no l_____ cloth.
 - Historically, people were crucified n_____ in order to humiliate them.
- B. The shame of the c_____
- Jesus was crucified between two c_____
 - Jesus never defended Himself but prayed, *Father, f_____ them for they do not know what they are doing.*

He had to suffer d_____ - Matt 27:45-50; Is 53:10-12

- A. He had to suffer s_____ death.
- Jesus cried out to the Father in the language of Ps 22:1 – *My God, My God! Why have You f_____ Me?*
 - When a person receives spiritual life their human spirit is j_____ with God's Spirit (I Cor 6:17)
 - When Adam and Eve sinned, it ripped their connection to God (they h_____ from God).
 - If Jesus did not suffer this penalty, it would not be paid and we could never be saved spiritually.
 - Jesus experienced spiritual death because the sins of m_____ was being poured into His body (2 Cor 5:21)
- B. He had to suffer p_____ death.
- Since Jesus was perfect, He could not d_____ (If Adam and Eve would have never sinned they would still be living!)
 - No one could kill Jesus. He had to voluntarily l_____ His life down (Jn 10:18)
 - After six hours on the cross, He gave up His human s_____ into the Father's hands
 - He died physically so that we will live physically f_____.

Remembering His suffering should move us to total devotion to Him