

**Good Friday**

## The Gospel in the Old Testament – Isaiah 53

**John 12 v 32** – Jesus prophesying about His death on the cross: And I, **when I am lifted up** from the earth, **will draw all people to myself....**

- Trust that this message of the cross will draw you to Jesus today.

**READ: Isaiah 52 v 13 – 52 v 12**

- Prophecy concerning the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Use as backbone to reveal the Gospel of Christ, Message of the Cross

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## SUFFERING KING

**Isaiah 52 v 13:**

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be **high and lifted up**,  
and shall be **exalted**.

- Isaiah looks beyond the cross and sees the resurrected, ascended Jesus, exalted and very high.

**Isaiah 52 v 14:**

As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind

- People could not believe how Jesus suffered. Beyond recognition as a man.

**Isaiah 52 v 15:**

so shall he sprinkle many nations.  
Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

- When Jesus comes again, all will see that He is the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

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## WILL YOU BELIEVE?

**Isaiah 53 v 1:**

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

- Not many will believe. Therefore, the **saving power of God** was not revealed to many.



John quoted this scripture in **John 12 v 37**: Though he had done so many signs before them, **they still did not believe in him**, <sup>38</sup> so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: **..... (Isaiah 53 v 1)**

**1 Cor 1 v 18:** For the **message of the cross** is **foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **power of God**.<sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, **God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe**.<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but **we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles**,<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God**.<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### 3 Responses – message of the cross:

1. **Believe** – Power of God to save.
2. **Opposition** – Stumbling block – it doesn't fit our believes.
3. **Dismiss** – foolishness - see it as nonsense. Laugh it off.

**Jesus on the cross:**

- Plan of God (wisdom) John 3 v 16: For God so loved the world, that He gave...

**Romans 1 v 17:** For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the **power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

**What is our response today?** Will you believe the report? Will you believe this Gospel?

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## HIS MISSION TO EARTH

## Isaiah 53 v 2:

For 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.

- Jesus had **humble beginnings on earth** (Christmas story)



- John 1 v 14:** And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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He 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.

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

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## SUBSTITUTE FOR US

**Isaiah 53 v 5:**

**But 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.**

**Romans 5 v 6 - Christ in our place:** You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, **Christ died for the ungodly.** <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God **demonstrates his own love for us** in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**1 Peter 3 v 18:** For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just for the unjust**, that He might bring us to God, .....

- In my place, while I was in sin, because of love.
- Became a **substitute** for us.

**Romans 4 v 25:** .... (Jesus).... who was delivered up **because of our offenses**, and was raised because of our justification.

**1 Peter 2 v 24:** “He himself bore our sins” in his body **on the cross**, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” <sup>25</sup>For “**you were like sheep going astray,**” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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## ALL HAVE SINNED

**Isaiah 53 v 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.**

**Romans 3 v 23: ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ....**

**Romans 3 v 19: ....and all the world may become guilty before God.**

**Romans 3 v 10:** As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup>There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.<sup>12</sup> They have all turned aside;

**Wages (Payment) for sin is death (Rom 6 v 23)**







And 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.**

- John 8 v 46: Jesus asks the Pharisees, who knew the law: Which of you convicts Me of sin?**

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## Isaiah 53 v 10

Yet 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.

- Hebrews 10 v 5:** <sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— **I have come to do your will, my God.**’”

<sup>8</sup> First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup> Then he said, “Here I am, **I have come to do your will.**” He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> **And by that will,** we have been **made holy** through the **sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

- John 3 v 16:** For **God so loved** the world that **He gave His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



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## Isaiah 53 v 11

- Revelation & knowledge of Jesus (as Savior & Lord) saves us.

**John 14 v 6:** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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## Isaiah 53 v 12

- Because of the Cross, Jesus was exalted and honoured.
- He is seated in Heaven, ruling the universe.
- He received an inheritance: the saints who believe in Him.

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**2 Corinthians 5 v 14:** For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that **one died for all**, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> **And he died for all**, that **those who live** should no longer **live** for themselves but **for him who died for them** and was raised again.

- <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if **anyone is in Christ**, the **new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

- 1 Peter 2 v 24: “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;.....**

- Galatians 2 v 20:** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but **Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in the body, **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- Luke 9:23-24:** Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and **take up their cross daily** and **follow me**.

- AMEN