

## THANKFUL FOR.....JESUS

*Isaiah 52.13-53.12*

Isaiah 52-53 paints a picture of a coming time when God will pour out the punishment for our sin on one individual—one who has been rejected by the world and through whom people have been healed. Centuries later, Jesus would fulfill each piece of that prophecy. This passage plainly laid out God's plan for salvation long before Jesus was ever born, yet its ambiguity concealed his plan so well that no one saw it coming. The Messiah was not some fierce warrior come to overthrow the government. He was a humble servant, who would save the world through his suffering. This thanksgiving we are thankful for Jesus.

### We are thankful.....

- **for Christ's example of how to live in this world.** *See, my servant will act wisely* 52.13

*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps...When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.* 1 Peter 2.21, 23

*...in your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...* Philippians 2.5

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.* 1 Corinthians 11.1

- **for Jesus showing us what's really important.**

*...he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.* 52.13

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Matthew 20:25-28

Philippians 2.5-11

- **that we don't have to experience the result of our sins.** *We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.* Isaiah 53.6

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 6.23

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.* 2 Corinthians 5.17-19

- **that because of Jesus we have peace with God.** *...the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.* v.5

*By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ, we have peace with God.* Romans 5.1 CEV

*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.* Colossians 1.19-20

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?