

LESSON 5—April 4, 2021

Spring Quarter 2021 Theme:
Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant
Unit II: Prophets of Restoration

Lesson Titles:
**Finding Hope in the Midst
of Oppression**
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)
**The Suffering Servant
Brings Salvation**
(Townsend Press Sunday School
Commentary)

Devotional Reading:
Philippians 2:1-11

Background Scriptures:
Isaiah 52:13–53:12;
Luke 24:1-35

Print Passages:
Isaiah 53:4-11a

Key Verse(s):

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5, KJV)

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He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5, NIV)

► **Questions to Consider:**

1. Who is the Suffering Servant?
2. What does this lesson say about the Suffering Servant's substitutionary death?
3. What is the source of hope for everyone today?

► **Lesson Context:**

- This week's lesson foreshadows events that were not happening at the time but would happen in the future.
- The prophetic words of Isaiah announce the hope of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ.

► **Lesson Aims:**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Identify the connections between the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 52:13–53:12 and the resurrected Christ in Luke 24.
- Affirm the joy of knowing that the Suffering Servant is the resurrected Jesus Christ.
- Share the story of the Suffering Servant, who is the resurrected Jesus Christ.

► **Lesson Outlines/Key Points:**I. **The Suffering Servant's Agony (Isaiah 53:4-6)**

Key Point 1: The Suffering Servant that Isaiah spoke of would perform the ultimate act of love—substitutionary death that God required to atone for human sin.

Key Point 2: Jesus, God's Suffering Servant, paid the sin debt in full so that all who come to Him may find peace with God and joy in His presence.

II. The Suffering Servant's Humiliation (Isaiah 53:7-9)

Key Point 1: The Suffering Servant faced His substitutionary death willingly and submissively without protest or struggle.

Key Point 2: Although Jesus had committed no sin, God allowed Him to be offering for our sin so that we could be made right with God through Him (see 2 Corinthians 5:21).

III. The Suffering Servant's Triumph (Isaiah 53:10-11)

Key Point 1: Jesus willingly laid down His life as the sacrifice for our sins.

Key Point 2: The Servant's triumph over sin and death is the source of hope for all.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- Because of what the Suffering Servant did on the cross, there remains hope for the lost, restoration for the backslidden, and the promise of an eternal future in His presence.
- God's people have the assurance of a present hope and help through Jesus, the Messiah, who willingly became God's Suffering Servant and gave His life for the sins of the world.

What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How does knowing that Jesus suffered for you affect your level of commitment to Him?

2. How do you feel when you reflect on Jesus' intense suffering, humiliation, and death for you?

3. Have you experienced God's turning certain defeat into personal victory for you? Share briefly as time permits.

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
