

It Pleased to Crush Him

~Isaiah 53:10-12~

Thesis: The problem with pop religion is that it attempts to know God according to our own human prejudices and expectations and limitations. This reduces God to a god and it will frustrate us because God will never fit our mold.

Introduction:

1. **Isaiah 53** is a gem because it explains how man can have his relationship with God restored
2. **Isaiah 53** “How could it be the Father’s desire (please Him) to crush (make suffer) His Son on the cross? This just does not make human sense!
3. **Isaiah 53** frustrates our human hearts because we are forced to question the Son’ logic that He did this knowing what would happen to Him.

Notice what the Servant does for His People

- I. **Servant knew the purposes of the Lord (Isaiah 53:11)**
 - A. “By His knowledge the Righteous One My Servant, will justify the many...”
 - B. He did not close His eyes, He was not used accidentally like a pawn
- II. **Servant poured out Himself to death (Isaiah 53:12, 11, 10)**
 - A. “**12**...*He poured out Himself to death...*” “**11**...*anguish of His soul...*” “**10**...*render Himself as a guilt offering...*”
 - B. **John 10:18**, “...*No one has taken it from Me...I lay it down on My own initiative...*”
 - C. Jesus died because He wanted to, He was in full agreement and according to His Father’s will
- III. **Bore the sins of many (Isaiah 53:12)**
 - A. “**12** ...*bore the sins of many...*” “**11** ...*He will bear their iniquities...*” It was a sin-bearing death
 - B. Not for the sins of the Son, but for the sins of mankind
- IV. **Servant rose from the dead (Isaiah 53:10)**
 - A. **1 Corinthians 15:4**, Jesus was raised from the grave according to the scriptures, “...*He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days...*” (**Isaiah 53:10**)
 - B. **Isaiah 53:11**, “...*anguish of the soul...He will see it and be satisfied...*”
 - C. **Isaiah 53:12**, “...*therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great...*” “*For this reason, God has highly exalted Him...*” (**Philippians 2:9**)
- V. **Servant interceded for transgressors (Isaiah 53:12)**
 - A. “...*and interceded for the transgressors.*” (**Isaiah 53:12**)
 - B. “*Father forgive them for they do not know what they do...*” (**Luke 23:34**)
 - C. “*who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.*” (**Romans 8:34**)
- VI. **Servant justifies (Isaiah 53:11)**
 - A. “...*will justify the many...*” (**Isaiah 53:11**)

VII. Servant shares the spoils with the strong (Isaiah 53:12)

A. The Servant was victorious over death, the grave and defeated Satan (the strong man of Luke 11:21ff)

B. (Hebrews 2:14-15; 9:15; 1 Peter 1:3-4)

Conclusion: