

The Bigger Story – Fulfilled

Week Thirteen: Surrendered

Theme

Isaiah prophesied about Jesus about 700 years before His incarnation ([Isaiah 7:14, 9:6](#)). Chapters [50-53](#) describe, the beating, humiliation, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

The whole Bible presents Jesus as Messiah, Suffering Servant, willingly surrendering to redeem. Jesus willingly submitted to the will of the Father and gave Himself a sacrifice on the cross for the sins of the world.

Jesus fulfilled all these things (said 700 years in advance!) **but what does His crucifixion and resurrection mean for me?**

For us? Why would God tell us this?

Typically, you warn someone in advance about a threat and give the remedy to avoid it, when *you love them*.

Out of love for us: He tells of the threat, but gives us the remedy, His own Son, so that as many as receive him and believe in His name, will be saved.

He surrendered, died, out of love for you.

Guiding Verse

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.

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

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.

Isaiah 53:3-5

Notes & Discussion Questions on Isaiah 53:3-12

Isaiah Predicted:

- The Servant would be rejected by many ([Isaiah 53:1,3](#)) ([John 12:37-38](#))
- The Servant would come from humble beginnings ([Isaiah 53:2](#)) ([John 1:46](#)) *Nazareth: a town of 200*
- The Servant would experience suffering ([Isaiah 53:3](#)) ([Luke 9:22](#))
- The Servant would bear our sins and take our punishment ([Isaiah 53:5-6](#)) ([1 Peter 2:24-25](#))
- The Servant would keep silent during his suffering ([Isaiah 53:7](#)) ([Mark 13:3-5](#))
- The Servant would die with the wicked and be buried with the rich ([Isaiah 53:9](#)) ([Matt. 27:38, 57-60](#))
- The Servant would rise from the dead ([Isaiah 53:10-12](#)) ([Acts 2:31-32](#))

What do these predictions declare about God? Jesus?

There is no statistical way these predictions could just coincidentally be fulfilled in any one random person. All of these intricate details were completely, purposefully and exclusively fulfilled by Jesus. Even the ancient Jewish Rabbis acknowledged that this chapter was about the coming Messiah. Yet, today, in Synagogues, [Isaiah 53](#) is intentionally omitted from the Sabbath readings. Their own Jewish history points to fact that [Isaiah 53](#) was written about The Messiah, but because Christians see this fulfilled in Jesus, they purposely ignore this chapter. ***Discuss the ramifications that accepting this chapter and Jesus as Messiah bring. What changes did it make in your life? Why might others avoid this?***

Discuss every person's need for a Savior and our need to respond.

Read and discuss [1 Peter 2:21-25](#): The suffering of Jesus is an example for us; but it's far more than an example. He also bore our sins as sin-bearing substitute, providing a way for our healing, when Jesus died on the cross, we also died to sin. Our lives are permanently changed ([Romans 6](#)).

This Week's Readings

Deut. 17-19

Deut. 20-21

Deut. 20-24

Deut. 25-27

Deut. 28

Deut. 29-30

Luke 4

Luke 5

Luke 6

Isaiah 53:3-12, Psalm 37, 1 Peter 2:21-25, Matthew 27:1-31

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

Notes & Discussion Questions: Matthew 27:1-31

Matthew 27:3-10: Judas' miserable end. *Discuss the difference between remorse and repentance, being sorry about sin and being sorry for sin.*

Matthew 27:19-20: Pilate is influenced (both by his wife and the religious leaders) *Discuss influence.*
Pilate had all the evidence he needed to release Jesus:

- He knew He was no criminal or revolutionary
- He knew of the envy of the religious leaders.
- He saw Jesus, composed and at peace, not answer single accusation.
- He already declared Jesus an innocent man (Luke 23:4).

Pilate later tried to avoid any responsibility (Matthew 27:24-25) *Discuss responsibility, innocence and how all must make a decision about Jesus*

Matthew 27:21-23: The crowd demands Barabbas. *Discuss the voices of the crowds.*

Matthew 27:27-31: Jesus is beaten and mocked

- They stripped Him: To increase humiliation.
- Put a scarlet robe on Him: Kings and rulers often wore scarlet, because the dyes to make fabrics that color were expensive. This was intended as cruel irony.
- Twisted a crown of thorns: Kings wear crowns, but not crowns of torture. The specific thorn-bushes of this region have long, hard, sharp thorns.
- A reed in His right hand: Kings hold scepters, but glorious, ornate scepters that symbolize their power. In their mockery of Jesus, they gave Him a thin, weak reed.
- They bowed before Him: Kings are honored, so they offered mocking worship to this King.
- "Hail, King of the Jews!" Kings are greeted with royal titles, so in their spite they mocked Jesus with this title. It was meant to humiliate Jesus, but also the Jews — saying, "This is the best King they can bring forth."

How do we mock Jesus today? "You have mocked him by a feigned worship, and thus you have put the purple robe upon him. For that purple robe meant that they made him a nominal king, a king who was not in truth a king, but a mere show. Your Sunday religion, which has been forgotten in the week, has been a scepter of reed, a powerless ensign, a mere sham. You have mocked and insulted him even in your hymns and prayers, for your religion is a pretense, with no heart in it; you brought him an adoration that was no adoration, a confession that was no confession, and a prayer that was no prayer. Is it not so?" (Spurgeon)

Matthew 27:38-44: Jesus on the cross, mocked again. This was the peak of God's love for man: to endure this for our salvation. But it was also the summit of man's hatred for God; God came to earth, and this is what man did to Him. *Discuss.*

Fulfilled: Next Week's Readings:

Humble King (Palm Sunday)

Deut. 31-32	Deut. 33-34	Joshua 2-4	Joshua 5-7	Joshua 8-9	Joshua 10
	Joshua 1		Luke 8		Luke 9
	Luke 7				

Zechariah 9:9-17, Psalm 118:1-16, Philippians 2:1-10, Matthew 21:1-11