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The Servant's Shameful Suffering

Lesson 4 • Isaiah 53:1-3

Good Morning!

I hope we will be able to meet like this every Sunday at 9:30 AM **until** we can gather again as a local, called-out assembly! In the meantime, this will temporarily take the place of our **9:30 Discovery Hour**. Everything is fluid right now and we're seeking to keep in step with the Spirit and do what's best for our church, our community, our city, and our country.

INVITE OTHERS to JOIN US. LIKE, SHARE, and COMMENT ALONG the WAY!

Reminder

- Previous teaching and notes in this series can be found under RESOURCES/MESSAGES: <https://wearelifebridge.com/>
- Notes for this lesson can be downloaded with suggestions for Family Worship.
- Audio for the New Life Class can be found on the iTunes New Life Class Podcast: <https://apple.co/2WZD6xZ>
- Video will be uploaded to our website and the LifeBridge Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WeAreLifeBridge>

Review

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ISAIAH	52:13 – 53:12
<i>Behold the Servant's SOVEREIGN SUCCESS</i>	52:13-15
<i>Behold the Servant's SHAMEFUL SUFFERING</i>	53:1-3

*How do I **respond** to the sufferings of Jesus?*

*How do I **respond** as a Christ Follower when serving Jesus and others **results** in shame and suffering?*

How Do People Respond to the Servant's Shameful Suffering?

1. UNBELIEF: *How Could Our Salvation Come through His Humiliation?* (53:1)

Two Ways to Translate

A Message We Share but Others Reject

"Who has believed our message?" NAS, NIV "Who has believed what he has heard from us?" ESV

A Message We Hear and We Reject Initially

"Who would have believed what we just heard?" NET "Who has believed what we have heard?" CSB

Two Truths to Learn

- Our **INABILITY** to believe God is working to save sinners through the shameful suffering of His Servant.

The Arm of the LORD = God is personally present with His people to powerfully save them!

Isaiah 30:30; 40:10; 51:5, 9; 52:10; 53:1; 62:8; 63:5, 12

- God's **ABILITY** to graciously reveal Himself at work to save through the shameful suffering of His Servant.

2. UNIMPRESSED: *How Could Someone So Ordinary Be Our Extraordinary Messiah?* (53:2)

- All we saw was His **HUMANITY**: *Nothing more than an unimportant Little Shoot and an unpromising Dry Root!*

- All we saw was His **HUMILITY**: *His stature was unimpressive and His appearance was unimportant!*

3. UNWORTHY: *How Can We Worship Someone We Consider to Be So Unworthy?* (53:3)

- We considered to Him to be **UNDESERVING**: So everyone turned away!

Why Did They Turn Away?

All they saw was a **“Man of Sorrows”** Luke 19:41-44; John 11:33-37

All they saw was a **“Man of Sickness”** “acquainted with grief”

- We considered to Him to be **UNWORTHY**: So everyone rejected Him!

“BEHOLD! He Is Being Cursed by God for His Own Sins!”

All He is worthy of is being despised and rejected by us!

What Caused the Change of Heart in the “We”?

God’s GRACE ALONE through FAITH ALONE in CHRIST ALONE!

Isaiah 53:1; Romans 10:13-17

Now the “WE” See the Servant’s Suffering from God’s Perspective

The SERVANT was SUFFERING for OUR SINS as OUR SUBSTITUTE = Penal Substitutionary Atonement!

You and Me Can Be the “WE”!

Have you repented of your sin-sick lifestyle and believed in the Suffering Servant as your Sovereign Savior?

Share in His Salvation by Sharing in His Shame and Suffering.

Unbelief is unable to see the LORD’s saving power at work in His Servant’s shameful suffering, but the LORD graciously enables a remnant to hear and believe. You can be a part of that believing remnant!

- **Share in His salvation** by repenting of your past rejection of Jesus and trusting in Him alone as your Sovereign Savior.
- **Share in His shame** as you serve King Jesus with an obedient faith from a changed heart.
- **Share in His sorrow** over the sin-sickness of hard hearts that hear the gospel but refuse to believe.

Family Worship Ideas from Today’s Lesson

- **READ** together as a family the OT prediction in *Isaiah 53:1-3* and the NT fulfillment in *Mathew 27:27-40*.
- **SING** or watch a music video together.
 - Man of Sorrow* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJD0inO-vI4> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bUtvopkiLc>
 - I Stand Amazed* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue8ZCAc9xQ8>
 - O Sacred Head Now Wounded* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgkVTtT-0xg>
- **PRAY** together.
- **STAGE** a mini-play as a family of the stages in the life of Christ from (1) His birth, (2) His obeying His parents as boy, (3) His performing of miracles, (4) His proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom, up to (5) His humiliation (being mocked, despised, rejected).

Then wait until next week to act out His crucifixion on Palm Sunday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday!