

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

I. Isaiah 53:3-7

A. We're in the season Christians refer to as Lent. That means we're in the 40 day period approaching Easter. The last Sunday of this month is Palm Sunday. It was on Palm Sunday last year when we first started meeting in cars. Good Friday is April 2nd and Easter is April 4th. Our text today leads us straight towards these Holy Days.

B. Isaiah told us more about the Christ than any other OT prophet. John 12:41 (ESV) declares: "*Isaiah said these things because he saw His (The Messiah's) glory and spoke of Him.*" Known as the "*Prince of Prophets*" by God's people, these words were penned about the future Messiah seven centuries before He came. Sadly, when Jesus did arrive, God's people rejected the very One who came to save them. Our text tells us what Jesus' sacrifice would achieve 700 years before it happened and Isaiah states it as though it had already been accomplished. These verses are astonishing and powerful and yours to heartily embrace.

C. Isaiah 53:3-7 (NIV) is all about Jesus our Lord...

1) **V3: 3** *He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. (John 1:11 (ESV) affirms: "He (God the Son) came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.")*

2) **V42: 4** *Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. (All the Jewish and Gentile mockers at the foot of the cross were convinced Jesus was getting what He deserved.)*

3) **V5: 5** *But 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. (Crucifixion didn't even exist yet when Isaiah penned those words. The Assyrians would invent crucifixion, the Babylonians and Persians tweaked it, and the Romans perfected it to its maximum cruelty. Jesus suffered this savage death for our transgressions, our iniquities, our trespasses, our rebellion against God!)*

4) **V6: 6** *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. (Romans 3:23-25a (NLT) says: "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice (propitiation) for sin.") (2 Cor. 5:21)*

5) **V7: 7** *He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.*

D. In 1 Peter 2:22-25 (ESV) Peter quotes Isaiah affirming Jesus: "*He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges*

justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

E. The Story of the Crushed Lamb: A pastor visiting Werden, Germany in 1865 observed a stone carving of a lamb on the roof of a very old and beautiful Chapel. The minister learned that while a workman was making repairs on the roof, he suddenly slipped and fell helplessly to the ground. But instead of hitting the ground and rocks below, he landed upon something soft that broke his fall. It was a lamb that had wandered into the church yard to feed on the grass. The lamb was instantly crushed beneath the weight of the man's fall but as a result the man was saved from a tragic death and suffered not a single broken bone. With gratitude to God and for the lamb that saved his life, the workman arranged for the stone carving of the lamb that graced this beautiful Chapel. In the same way, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, saves us from sin and death and eternity in hell.

F. When Jesus came to see John the Baptist, John 1:29 indicates the camel-haired prophet declared, "Behold the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sins of the world." As you prepare to take the Bread & Cup this morning, I pray your heart will behold this same Jesus and declare, 'Behold the Lamb of God who has taken away my sin!' Yes, Jesus died for the sins of the world, for all of those from every nation, tribe, and tongue who would believe on Him. I pray that includes you! Jesus is the indeed the Lamb of God who was slain, slain even for you! And yes, He lives again! Even forevermore!

G. Hear some of the lyrics of "Behold The Lamb" by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty
Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

*** Pray & Officiate Communion...**

*** Revelation 5:11-14 (ESV) takes us home: **11** Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" **13** And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!" **14** Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.**

*** Honk if you love the Lamb of God!**

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

Isaiah 53:3-7 (NIV)

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John 1:9-13 (ESV)

9 The true Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. **11** He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. **12** But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 3:23-25a (NLT)

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **24** Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins. **25** For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

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"Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?"

On the ledge of the roof of the ancient and beautiful chapel of the Werden an der Ruhr, in Germany, stands a carved stone lamb. A clergyman relates its history, as he heard it when he visited the spot in 1865. One day, many years ago, a workman, while making some repairs on the roof, slipped and fell to the ground. Some soft substance received the weight of his body below, and broke his fall. It was a poor little lamb that had wandered near the church and was cropping the scanty grass. This circumstance saved his life, for he escaped with the mere fright, and with not so much as a finger broken. But the poor lamb was killed by his heavy fall upon it. So out of pure gratitude, the man had the stone lamb carved and set up a lasting memento of his escape from so fearful a death, and of what he owed to the poor lamb.

- Rev. E.S. Lorenz, A.M., *Gospel Worker's Treasury: Hymn & Revival Anecdotes*, W.J. Sheuey, 1887.

John 1:29-34 (ESV)

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **30** This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who ranks before me, because He was before me.' **31** I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." **32** And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. **33** I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Bonus Rations for Further Nourishment

"Behold the Lamb" (Communion Hymn) - Stuart Townend

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACHPwx7EGQA>

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Singers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INo42lyvszY>

The Wounds of Jesus - Sermon by Charles Spurgeon

<https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/the-wounds-of-jesus#flipbook/>

Why Jesus Kept His Scars - Matt Maher

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tlOehgsDvMI>

The Mystery of the Passover - Dr. Timothy Keller

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-E4qKNY7orM>

The Counsel and Care of the Elderly - Nicholas Batzig

<https://www.feedingonchrist.com/blog/post/the-counsel-and-care-of-the-elderly>

Regeneration - Paul Levy (What it Means to be Regenerated/Born Again/Awakened)

<https://ealinglevy.wordpress.com/2021/03/03/regeneration/>

John 12:37-43 (NLT)

37 But despite all the miraculous signs Jesus had done, most of the people still did not believe in Him. **38** This is exactly what Isaiah the prophet had predicted: “Lord, who has believed our message? To whom has the Lord revealed His powerful arm?” (*Isaiah 53:1*) **39** But the people couldn’t believe, for as Isaiah also said, **40** “The Lord has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts—so that their eyes cannot see, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to Me and have Me heal them.” (*Isaiah 6:10*) **41** Isaiah was referring to Jesus when he said this, because he saw the future and spoke of the Messiah’s glory. **42** Many people did believe in Him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn’t admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. **43** For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

Psalm 22:1-31 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning? **2** O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. **3** Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. **4** In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them. **5** To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame. **6** But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. **7** All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads; **8** “*He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!*” **9** Yet You are He who took Me from the womb; You made Me trust You at My mother’s breasts. **10** On You was I cast from My birth, and from My mother’s womb You have been My God. **11** Be not far from Me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. **12** Many bulls encompass Me; strong bulls of Bashan surround Me; **13** they open wide their mouths at Me, like a ravening and roaring lion. **14** I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; it is melted within My breast; **15** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to My jaws; You lay Me in the dust of death. **16** For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me; they have pierced My hands and feet--**17** I can count all My bones--they stare and gloat over Me; **18** they divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots. **19** But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You My help, come quickly to My aid! **20** Deliver My soul from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog! **21** Save Me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued Me from the horns of the wild oxen! **22** I will tell of Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: **23** You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! **24** For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from Him, but has heard, when He cried to Him. **25** From You comes My praise in the great congregation; My vows I will perform before those who fear Him. **26** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! **27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. **28** For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations. **29** All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who

could not keep himself alive. **30** Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; **31** they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. **26** It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)

1 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children. **2** Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Hebrews 2:14-18 (NLT)

14 Because God's children are human beings--made of flesh and blood--the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. **15** Only in this way could He set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. **16** We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; He came to help the descendants of Abraham. **17** Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us, His brothers and sisters, so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then He could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. **18** Since He Himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested.

Hebrews 9:14 & 27-28 (NLT)

14 Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered Himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins... **27** And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, **28** so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for Him.

Hebrews 10:10 & 14 & 18 (NLT)

10 For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time... **14** For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy... **18** And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

1 Peter 1:17-21 (ESV)

17 And if you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, **18** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Christ in Isaiah

Introduction to Isaiah - The Reformation Study Bible

The book of Isaiah is one of the most frequently quoted OT books in the NT. Jesus was born of a virgin in fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 (Matthew 1:23), and He declared that Isaiah 61:1 was fulfilled in His coming (Luke 4:18-21). Jesus is the promised Son of David and the triumphant King who ushers in a new kingdom of peace and justice (Isaiah 9:6, 7, 11:1, 2). His body is the new temple whose exaltation brings the nations to glorify God (John 2:19-21). Jesus is the Servant who is the light to the Gentiles (Isaiah 49:6). Isaiah 52:13-53:12, of course, is well known for its detailed description of the work of the Suffering Servant, the One who offers a perfect atonement for the sins of His people and provides for them the righteousness by which they are declared righteous in the sight of God. Philip preached the gospel to the Ethiopian eunuch from this passage (Acts 8:28-35).

- "Christ in Isaiah" Introduction to Isaiah, *The Reformation Study Bible*, Reformation Trust, p. 1117.

Quote by Charles Spurgeon

"If the wounds had been removed we might have forgotten that there was a sacrifice; and, mayhap, next we might have forgotten that there was a priest. But the wounds are there: then there is a sacrifice, and there is a priest also, for He who is wounded is both Himself, the Sacrifice and the Priest."

Quote by Leonard J. Vander Zee

"I think Jesus showed His wounds as a badge of identity. He is the risen Lord who conquered death, and He is also the risen Savior who entered the depths of human pain and sin. He displayed the marks that proved His finished work. He showed the disciples what that work cost. The risen Christ has scars; being raised from the dead does not erase them. The scars of Good Friday are visible on Easter Sunday."

Quote by G. Campbell Morgan

"In Apocalyptic vision John saw "in the midst of the throne..a Lamb as though it had been slain." The reference is without question to Christ. Two things are manifest, first that He occupies the position of proper Deity. He is in the midst of the throne. Secondly

that He retains the evidences of suffering. It is "a Lamb as though it had been slain." This double fact speaks forevermore of the deepest fact that lies behind man's redemption. This fact is that of the pain of God."

Quote by Jonathan Edwards

"The redeemed are dependent of God for all. All that we have-- wisdom, the pardon of sin, deliverance, acceptance in God's favor, grace, holiness, true comfort and happiness, eternal life and glory--we have from God by a Mediator; and this Mediator is God. God not only gives us the Mediator, and accepts His mediation, and of His power and grace bestows the things purchased by the Mediator, but He is the Mediator. Our blessings are what we have by purchase; and the purchase is made of God; the blessings are purchased of Him; and not only so, but God is the purchaser. Yes, God is both the purchaser and the price; for Christ, who is God, purchased these blessings by offering Himself as the price of our salvation."

- Jonathan Edwards, *Closer Walk*, July, 1988, p. 15.

Quote by Dr. Ray Pritchard

"When God looked down and saw His Son bearing the sin of the world, He didn't see His Son, He saw instead the sin that He was bearing. And in that awful moment, the Father turned away. Not in anger at His Son. No, He loved His Son as much at that moment as He ever had. He turned away in anger over all the sin of the world that sent His Son to the cross. He turned away in sorrow and deepest pain when He saw what sin had done. He turned away in complete revulsion at the ugliness of sin. When He did that, Jesus was alone. Completely forsaken. God-forsaken. Abandoned. Deserted. Disowned...Thus did the Son of God make complete identification with sinners. Jesus became a curse for us. He died in our place. All our sins were laid on Him. It was for that reason—and only for that reason—that God the Father forsook His beloved Son."

- Dr. Ray Pritchard is the president of *Keep Believing Ministries*, in Internet-based ministry serving Christians in 225 countries.

Quote by Oswald Chambers

"We trample the blood of the Son of God if we think we are forgiven because we are sorry for our sins. The only explanation for the forgiveness of God and for the unfathomable depth of His forgetting is the death of Jesus Christ. Our repentance is merely the outcome of our personal realization of the atonement which He has worked out for us. It does not matter who or what we are; there is absolute reinstatement into God by the death of Jesus Christ and by no other way, not because Jesus Christ pleads, but because He died. It is not earned, but accepted. All the pleading which deliberately refuses to recognize the Cross is of no avail; it is battering at a door other than the one that Jesus has opened. Our Lord does not pretend we are all right when we are all wrong. The atonement is a propitiation whereby God, through the death of Jesus, makes an unholy man holy."

Communion - Westminster Confession of Faith

Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein He was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of His body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in His church, unto the end of

the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing of all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and, to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other, as members of His mystical body.

- WCF, Paragraph I, Chapter Chapter XXIX.

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And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember.
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Crown Him with Many Crowns - (1851 / 1852)

Words by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) Music by George Elvey (1816-1893)

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Love:
Behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of glory now extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

What is Substitutionary Atonement?

By S. Michael Houdmann

<https://www.gotquestions.org/substitutionary-atonement.html>

Question: *"What is the substitutionary atonement?"*

Answer: The substitutionary atonement refers to Jesus Christ dying as a substitute for sinners. The Scriptures teach that all men are sinners ([Romans 3:9-18](#), [23](#)). The penalty for our sinfulness is death. [Romans 6:23](#) reads, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

That verse teaches us several things. Without Christ, we are going to die and spend an eternity in hell as payment for our sins. Death in the Scriptures refers to a “separation.” Everyone will die, but some will live in heaven with the Lord for eternity, while others will live a life in hell for eternity. The death spoken of here refers to the life in hell. However, the second thing this verse teaches us is that eternal life is available through Jesus Christ. This is His substitutionary atonement.

Jesus Christ died in our place when He was crucified on the cross. We deserved to be the ones placed on that cross to die because we are the ones who live sinful lives. But Christ took the punishment on Himself in our place—He substituted Himself for us and took what we rightly deserved. *“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God”* ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

“He Himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed” ([1 Peter 2:24](#)). Here again we see that Christ took the sins we committed onto Himself to pay the price for us. A few verses later we read, *“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit”* ([1 Peter 3:18](#)). Not only do these verses teach us about the substitute that Christ was for us, but they also teach that He was the atonement, meaning He satisfied the payment due for the sinfulness of man.

One more passage that talks about the substitutionary atonement is [Isaiah 53:5](#). This verse talks about the coming Christ who was to die on the cross for our sins. The prophecy is very detailed, and the crucifixion happened just as it was foretold. *“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”* Notice the substitution. Here again we see that Christ paid the price for us!

We can only pay the price of sin on our own by being punished and placed in hell for all eternity. But God’s Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth to pay the price of our sins. Because He did this for us, we now have the opportunity to not only have our sins forgiven, but to spend eternity with Him. In order to do this, we must place our faith in what Christ did on the cross. We cannot save ourselves; we need a substitute to take our place. The death of Jesus Christ is the substitutionary atonement.

Recommended Resource: [Making Sense of Salvation by Wayne Grudem](#)

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