

A A denigrating manner. Isaiah 50:4-10.

- ❖ David's ambassadors were denigrated in 2 Samuel 10. That triggered a war between Israel and Ammon.
- ❖ However, the most powerful person ever endured jibes and scorn without defending Himself or getting angry (Matthew 26:67-68).
- ❖ Jesus ***did not want*** to come down from the cross to stop the taunts and insults (Matthew 27:38-44). Why?

B From exaltation to the cross, and from the cross to exaltation. Isaiah 52:13-53:12.

- ❖ This section begins with the Servant being exalted, then He is humiliated and killed, and He's finally exalted again.
- ❖ This descent-ascent journey is the same that Paul describes in Philippians 2:5-11 (exaltation-humiliation-exaltation).

C The Suffering Servant:

❖ **The innocent suffers. Isaiah 52:13-53:2.**

- This Servant (Jesus) was blameless, but still suffered (like Job). Why do many innocent people suffer? This question is left hanging in the air.
- The key question is: Who is willing to believe what was foretold?
- Those who believe will experience the saving power of God. The same hand that delivered Israel from Egypt will deliver everyone who believes from death. Do you believe?

❖ **He suffered for me. Isaiah 53:3-9.**

- God gave us a Child, a Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). However, they went to war against Him. He was judged for no reason, He was condemned like a criminal— although He had never sinned—, and He was mistreated (Isaiah 53:7-9).
- Who was His enemy? Who did this? The answer to this question is clear and painful: WE ALL DID (Isaiah 53:6).
- Because of God's love, His Messiah would choose to suffer. He would choose to suffer in order to reach the unreachable, and the unreachable are us!

❖ **Sin, death, and resurrection. Isaiah 53:10-12.**

- Jesus is "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29). He offered Himself to expiate our sins. He died so we can be free from eternal death.
- His resurrection guarantees our own. We are the "seed", "the labor of His soul". Believe this message, and the supreme sacrifice of Jesus will be worth it. He will feel satisfied when He'll see us entering the gates of the New Jerusalem.

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Isaiah 52:13
The Servant
is exalted

Isaiah 52:14-15
His humiliation
is foretold

Isaiah 53:1
Who would
believe?

Isaiah 53:2-3
He is despised

Isaiah 53:4-6
He suffers for us

Isaiah 53:7-9
Despite being innocent,
He is condemned and dies

Isaiah 53:10-13
The Servant is
exalted

Philippians 2:5-11