



THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Isaiah 53:1-12

This is a good scripture to meditate on during Holy Week.
Isaiah mentions Jesus Christ more than any other prophet.
He prophesied 700 years before Christ was born.

[I will be providing a video blog teaching on this Scripture this week. It will be posted on the A Note From Ray page of our WEB Site.]

ISAIAH 53

- ¹ Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- ² For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground;
He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him,
Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
- ³ He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
- ⁴ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried;
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.
- ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.
- ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth;
Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers,
So He did not open His mouth.
- ⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered
That He was cut off out of the land of the living
For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke *was due*?
- ⁹ His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death,
Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- ¹⁰ But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief;
If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring,
He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.
- ¹¹ As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied;
By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many,
As He will bear their iniquities.
- ¹² Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong;
Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors;
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.



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