**Great Chapters of the Bible – Isaiah 53**

**Book Highlights**

* Isaiah 5 Israel as a special vineyard of the Lord
* Isaiah 6 The Throne of God
* Isaiah 7 The Virgin Birth
* Isaiah 9 Child is born, son is given, throne of David, Prince of Peace,
* Isaiah 11 Shoot and offspring of David – six-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit
* Isaiah 14 Description of Satan
* Isaiah 15-34 Judgments, warnings, promised captivity and promised restoration.
* Isaiah 35 Highway of Holiness
* Isaiah 40 Comfort – John the Baptist reference
* Isaiah 45 Cyrus to replace Babylon, Israel restored to the land.
* Isaiah 53 The crucifixion of Jesus and the reason he was crucified.
* Isaiah 54 No weapon formed against you will prosper.
* Isaiah 55 God’s ways are different from our ways.
* Isaiah 58 Right and wrong fasting
* Isaiah 61 Quoted by Jesus in Luke 4 – Spirit of the Lord God is upon me.
* Isaiah 65 A new heaven and a new earth.
* Isaiah 66 Joy in Jerusalem’s future.

**Isaiah 53: The Suffering Servant**

Referenced in all four gospels, Acts, Romans, and 1 Peter: (Isaiah is quoted 62 times in NT)

* Matthew 8:17 – by His stripes we are healed (Is 53:5)
* Mark 15:5 – He was silent before Pilate (Is 53:7)
* Luke 22:37 – He was numbered with the transgressors (Is 53:9)
* John 12:38 – Who has believed our report (Is 53:1)
* 1 Peter 2:22 – He committed no sin (Is 53:9)
* 1 Peter 2:24 – By His wounds we are healed (Is 5:6)
* Acts 8:22 – Who has believed our report (Is 53:1)
* Romans 10:16 -Who has believed our report (Is 53:1)

**Companion Passage – Psalm 22**

VS 1

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?*

VS 16 – 18

*For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet.* *I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;**they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots*.

**Companion Passage – Zechariah 12**

VS 10

“*And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.*

**Isaiah 53**

VS 1-3 **Who He is. Only physical description of Jesus in scripture.**

* Jesus a tender shoot before God
* A root from a parched ground
* Unremarkable appearance
* Despised and forsaken
* Knew sorrow and grief
* Not esteemed
* Psalm 69: 4, 7-9; 10-12; 20-21 (Reference John 8:41)

VS 4-6 **His Vicarious Sacrifice: Innocent for the Guilty (Exodus 12)**

* Born our griefs – Isaiah 61:1-3
* Carried our sorrows
* Stricken and smitten by God
* Pierced for our transgression
* Crushed for our iniquities
* Our sins fell upon Him not on us
* By His stripes we are healed
* We all are guilty l- like sheep we have gone astray
* God up all our iniquity on Jesus
* 2 Corinthians 5:21-He know no sin, became sin for us so we could be righteous
* Ephesians 2: 15-17 – peace with God through the cross
* Colossians 1:20 – peace with God through the blood of Jesus
* Matthew 20:28 – He gave is life a ransom for many
* John 11:50-52 – Jesus would die for the nation and to save all scattered abroad
* Romans 3:23-26 – All sinned, blood of Jesus is the propitiation for our sins, by faith
* Galatians 3:13 – Christ became a curse for us – redeemed us from curse of the law
* Ephesians 1:7 – redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our sin

VS 7-9

* Silent before His accusers
* The Lamb of God led willingly to the slaughter
* Believed to be cut off from the land of the living
* Grave assigned with the wicked – crucified between two thieves
* With a rich man in His death – Joseph of Arimathea
* He was innocent before God and man.

**VS 10- 12 The Reward**

* He will see his offspring
* He will prosper and prolong His days
* He will justify the many – pay in full the penalty for our transgressions
* He will bear our iniquities – confession and forgiveness
* He will inherit the kingdom and share it with us.
* He will intercede for us – from the cross: forgive them for they know not …
* God’s plan to save, redeem, restore and forgive us was before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:3-10).
* Matthew 26: 38-39 – no other way
* Hebrews 12:1-2 – for the joy set before Him (us), He endured the cross and shame