

True and Better Job Primer

The Point:

Jesus was born to die that you might live. The innocent suffered to, ultimately, end your pain and lead you into incorruptible joy.

Quote:

“What we have lost, God will restore - That, and himself, forevermore.” - John Piper

Read Isaiah 53:

[3] He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

[4] Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

[6] All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

[7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not 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,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

[9] And they made his grave with the wicked

and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

[10] Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

[11] Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

[12] Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

(Isaiah 53 ESV)

Questions for Discussion:

1. What was your big takeaway from the sermon?
2. Was there something that you didn't understand? Is there someone that can help clear it up for you?
3. Read Isaiah 53. What does this passage teach about God?
 - a. What does it mean to be a Man of Sorrows? Is it easy to picture God like that?
 - b. Why was God wounded?
 - c. What does it mean that it was the will of the LORD to crush him?
 - d. What is an intercessor?
4. What does this passage teach about humanity? About you?
 - a. Why was God wounded?
 - b. Who wounded him?
 - c. What does it mean for you that he was wounded?
5. If this passage is true and Sunday's sermon is true, what do you need to do to be obedient to Christ? What's your next step?
 - a. Is there something you need to do?
 - b. Is there someone you need to talk with?
 - c. Is there a lie about God or yourself, which you have embraced, that needs to be replaced by truth?
 - d. Do you simply need to rest in the arms of a wounded, loving God?