

# Isaiah 53:4 – 53:7

## *The Suffering Servant, Part 2*

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” – Isaiah 53:5

### 1. 53:4-5 – Christ’s Substitutionary Work for Israel

- a. *“borne our griefs, carried our sorrows”*
  - i. Actual, physical ailments – 2Chr 6:29, Hos 13:13
  - ii. As promised in the law – Exo 15:26, Deut 7:15, Psa 105:37
  - iii. Jesus takes them away – Mat 4:24, Mat 8:16-17
- b. *“we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted”*
  - i. Unbelievers saw the crucifixion as just – John 19:7, Psa 107:17, Deut 18:20
- c. *“wounded for our transgressions”* – Dan 9:24, Heb 9:15
- d. *“bruised for our iniquities”* – Heb 2:17, Psa 130:8, Dan 9:16
- e. *“chastisement of our peace upon him”* – Prov 15:31 & 23:13
- f. *“with his stripes we are healed”* – Hos 6:1, 1Pet 2:24, Jer 33:8 & 30:12-17, Psa 107:20

### 2. 53: 6 – Israel: God’s Sheep

- a. *“we like sheep”* – Psa 23, 79:13, 80:1, Isa 40:10-11, Ezk 34, Jer 50:17, Zec 10:3
  - i. Jesus & 12 Apostles use the sheep analogy often:
    1. Mat 7:15, 26:31, John 10, 21:16-17, Luke 12:32
    2. Heb 13:20, 1Pet 2:25 & 5:2-4, Rev 7:17
- b. *“have gone astray”* – Jer 50:17, Psa 119:67, Mat 9:36 & 10:6 & 15:24, 1Pet 2:25
  - i. Thanks in part to the corrupt leaders – Jer 50:6, Zec 11:4-9
  - ii. Against the law to let sheep go astray – Deut 22:1-3
- c. *“every one to his own way”* – Ezk 36:17, Prov 1:30-31, 14:14, 22:8
  - i. Punishment is required according to their own way – Ezk 7:3-9 & 44:10
  - ii. God will bring them back to His way – Ezk 14:11 & 37:23, Zec 13:9, Jer 31:33
- d. *“laid on him the iniquity of us all”* – Hos 14:1, Isa 1:4 & 43:25, Rom 3:20, Gal 2:16
  - i. Substitutionary/propitiatory sacrifice not new – Gen 3:21, 22:8, Lev 5:17-18
  - ii. God atones for Israel’s sins himself – Isa 43:11-25, 44:22, Jer 50:20, Heb 2:17

### 3. 53: 7 – The Messiah: Also Israel’s Sacrificial Lamb

- a. *“oppressed, afflicted”* – Mat 26:59-61, 1Pet 2:23
  - i. Was wronged under Jewish law – Exo 20:16, Lev 25:17, Psa 119:85-85
  - ii. ...took it willingly, which seems like an admission of guilt – Matt 26:51-54
- b. *“opened not his mouth”* – The passage quoted in Acts 8:32
  - i. Didn’t plead innocent/accepted the charge – Mat 26:62-63 & 27:12-14
  - ii. A confusing view of Messiah? – Hos 11:10, Mat 27:40
    1. Lion? – Isa 31:4, 42:13, Gen 49:9, Heb 7:14, Rev 5:5,
    2. Lamb? – Isa 53:7, John 1:29 & 36, 26x in Rev
- c. *“as a lamb to the slaughter...sheep before shearers is dumb”*
  - i. Speaks to non-resistance/compliance – Jer 11:19
  - ii. Stirs up a common image for the Jews – Exo 12:3-21