

WARM-UP

- What is the most important thing you own? Why is it important?
- Recall a time when you had to work hard for something that you wanted. How was your experience?
- When was the last time someone made you feel valuable? Tell us about it.

WORD *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. **ISAIAH 53:10***

(Read also **ISAIAH 52:13–53:10.**)

In this passage, Isaiah painted a picture of God's obedient sacrifice for all mankind. He was described as a despised, unwanted, and cursed being who experienced oppression and suffering, yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him on the cross. He sacrificed Himself so that mankind could be restored to a right relationship with God. Today, we will look at certain things Jesus' sacrifice did for us.

1 | He carried our griefs and sorrows.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. **ISAIAH 53:4**

Jesus went through an immeasurable amount of suffering. He was even described as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Because of that, Jesus is able to understand our difficult situations and comfort us, carrying our griefs and sorrows upon Himself and removing the burden from us. What does Hebrews 4:15 say about Jesus?

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2 | He was pierced for our transgressions.

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace
... **ISAIAH 53:5**

The ultimate purpose of Jesus' coming to earth was to deliver mankind from sin. Instead of mankind receiving the full wrath of God, Jesus received the punishment we deserve. According to Hebrews 10:10, how many times did Jesus have to sacrifice His body so that we would be cleansed from sin?

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3 | He healed us by His wounds.

. . . and with his wounds we are healed. **ISAIAH 53:5**

Ultimately, Jesus suffered and died so that man could be healed from the sinful nature. From the very beginning, we were not meant to live in sin, but in a right relationship with God. How did Jesus' sacrifice help us live right with God? (1 Peter 2:24)

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APPLICATION

- Have you received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Would you like to repent from your sins and follow Him starting today?
- The only right response to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice is to surrender all areas of our lives to Him. Is there an area in your life that you have not yet surrendered to Christ? Commit this area of your life to Him this week.
- Who are the people around you who need to know that Christ sacrificed Himself for us and that we do not need to work for our salvation? How can you preach the gospel to him or her this week?

