

Communion Service

Isaiah Chapters 52:13-15 & Chapter 53
March 1, 2026

Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

14 titles / characteristics

- The Gospel according to Isaiah. Presents the suffering, atoning sacrifice of the Messiah, who's blood would cover the sin of the world, and heal us from our sin.
- This portion of scripture is all about Jesus and identifies a number of characteristics of our Lord that we'll identify as we move through the passage.
- This will be more of an over view, as opposed to an in-depth study

V: 13 *He shall be exalted and extolled (lifted up) and be very high.*

John 12:32-33 *"³²And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.
³³This He said, signifying by what death He would die."*

V: 14 When we see Jesus, we're going to be astonished.

- His "visage", literally "His face" – was so marred that He could not be recognized as a man.
 1. They pulled out His beard.
 2. They beat him with their fists. (They placed a bag over His head and played a game called "Iron Fist", (knockout game) in which He was unable to prepare or re-act to the impending blows.)
- We're going to see Him as He is:

1 John 3:2 *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."*

Revelation 5:6 *"And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth."*

V: 15 In the Tabernacle and the Temple, the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled upon the priests and those things that were to be sanctified.

- Here we see that the blood of Jesus would be sprinkled on the "nations" / all of us, and that we would be cleansed by His blood.
- The good news of that sanctification / salvation will go out to the whole world.

Isaiah Chapter 53

V: 1 Another way of saying that might be “*who has believed our testimony, and who has seen the power of God?*”

Habakkuk 1:5 “Look among the nations and watch – be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you.”

- Q: Who has heard, who has believed? A: His sheep.

John 10:27 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”

V: 1b “*To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*”

¹Revealed one

- Who has seen His power?

John 1:11 “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Jesus said after having healed a blind man:

John 9:39 “... For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

- Even though Jesus was there in the midst of the Jews, by and large the Jewish people as a nation were blinded as to who Jesus actually is.

Romans 11:25 “For I do not desire, brethren that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”

- By the grace of God, the Holy Spirit has opened our eyes, and given us understanding of the work and purpose of Jesus Christ, His atoning death for our sins, the imparting of His righteousness to us, allowing us to enter into a personal relationship with the Father through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Paul's prayer for the believers in Ephesus:

Ephesians 1:17-19 “¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”

V: 2a “... *As a tender plant.*”

²The Gentile One

The Gentle Shepherd:

Isaiah 40:11 “He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.”

Describing Jesus:

Matthew 12:20 “A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoking flax He will not quench, until He sends forth justice to victory.”

V: 2b “*As a root out of dry ground*” (Israel)

- King David was promised that one of his descendants would rule after him, who would rule forever.

Speaking of the Messiah:

Isaiah 11:1 “There shall come forth a Rod (twig) from the stem (stump) of Jesse, and a Branch (netzer) shall grow out of his roots.” (Out of the dry, fruitless ground of Israel)

V: 2c “*He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.*”

- Jesus was just very ordinary in appearance, but extraordinary in character.

Psalm 45:7 “You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”

- What was attractive about Jesus is what is still attractive about Him today, and that is what He said, and the Spirit within, the things that He did, the love that He conveyed, the love of the Father, the joy of the Lord, and the grace of God.

V: 3 “*He is despised and rejected by men, ...*”

3 Rejected One

- Is, present tense - sadly He is still despised by many.

V: 3b “*A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.*”

4 Sorrowful One

Hebrews 4:15 “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

V: 3c “*And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.*”

- Rejected and un-appreciated...

V: 4a Bearing the grief that is a result of our sin; sin ultimately brings sorrow and grief, if not in this lifetime, certainly in the one to come.

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

V: 4b “*Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.*” ⁵Smitten One

- The phrase “stricken” and “smitten” (afflicted) are both related to the word “leprosy”, not the same word but from the same root.
- God is a powerful smoter. Even in His love, we are no exceptions.

Hebrews 12:5-7 “⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives. ⁷If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?”

- God does not take pleasure in the chastening, only in the results.

V: 5a “*Wounded*” (H-2490) “chalal” – literally “pierced” - *for our transgressions*”

Psalm 22:16 “For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. Their pierce My hands and My feet;”

“*Bruised*” (H-1792) daka', daw-kaw' = “crushed” “*For our iniquities*”

- All so that we could go free!

⁶Suffering One

1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.”

V: 5b “*By His stripes we are healed*”

- Healing the breach in our relationship with God.

Paul writing to the Colossians and speaking of Jesus:

Colossians 1:20-21 “²⁰and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.”

Peter wrote:

1 Peter 2:24 “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.”

V: 6 “*All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone to his own way;*” (As dumb sheep, that is what we’re prone to...)

Jeremiah 10:23 “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”

Psalms 37:23 “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way.”

V: 6b “*And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*” ⁷Sin Bearing One

1 John 2:2 “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us...”

V: 7 He was silent, He didn’t try to defend Himself against the accusations, He was silent. ⁸Silent One

- Scourging was like the 3rd degree, the most severe interrogation method of the day. Those who were scourged, told everything, and they told the truth. It was designed amongst other things to make men talk.
- Jesus kept silent. Because He was innocent He could easily have defended himself; but that is not why He was there. He was there to take credit for our sin, for which there is no defense. He is our only defense, on our behalf He became guilty for us so that we might have life and fellowship with God forever.

“^{7b}*So he opened not His mouth.*”

- To offer a defense would be to step away from paying the price for our sins. For that reason He was silent.

V: 8 Apathy is a more cruel blow, than that of the scourging. ⁹Stricken One

V: 9 It was no accident that Jesus was crucified between two thieves, then buried in a rich man’s tomb, the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

- This describes a very un-likely scenario in a predictive sense, so that when it’s fulfilled in the person of Christ, there would be no doubt. (Ezekiel: “*That you may know that I am the Lord.*”)

“Because He had done no violence” – He was innocent.

10 Innocent One

“Nor was any deceit in His mouth.” – He was pure, sincere.

11 Sincere One

Again, describing the sinlessness of our Lord:

1 Peter 2:22 “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth.”

V: 10 Knowing the result, that it would bring us into fellowship and communion with God.

12 Submitted One

Yet it pleased the Lord to “bruise / crush” Him. V:5 / bruised (Gethsemane / wine press)

John 12:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

- Why did Jesus submit to such a cruel painful death?
 1. He was always obedient to the Father.
 2. He loves us, He did it for us. (Hebrews 12:2)
 3. He was the final offering for our sin. (The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.)

Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

1 John 2:2 “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

V: 10b “...*The pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.*”

John 6:38 “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Hebrews 10:7 “Then I said, “Behold, I come in the volume of the book, it is written of Me, to do Your will, O God.”

V: 11 “*He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.*”

13 Satisfied One

- Seeing us in Heaven, having fellowship with Him, as originally intended, God’s purpose and plan restored.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 “³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

V: 11b “*My righteous Servant shall justify many..*” just as if it never happened.

V: 11c *“For He shall bear their iniquities.”*

Matthew 11:28-30 “²⁸Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

V: 12 Spoils go to the victor, the winner, not the loser!

14Victorious One

“... *He bore the sins of many*” (past tense.)

- 7 Times this text refers to how Jesus bore the penalty for our sins.

Verses 4, 5 (x2), 6, 8, 11, 12

“And made intercession for the transgressors.” – past tense, done deal.

- Having been scourged, beaten, humiliated, and nailed to the cross, Jesus said:

Luke 23:34 “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

John 19:30 “It is finished!” – tetelestai!

Communion:

- With all that in mind, knowing that all these prophecies were fulfilled in Christ Jesus on our behalf, what is our response?

Psalm 116:12-14 “¹²What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits towards me? ¹³I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people.”

- What has Jesus called us as believers to? To remember. And that is why we’re here, to remember and to celebrate what He has done for us.

Worship Team:

Admonition:

1 Corinthians 11:27-31 “²⁷Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”

Psalm 139:23-24 “²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; ²⁴and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Distribute bread:

John 6:51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 “^{23b}The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.””

Distribute cup:

Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 “²⁵In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”