

# The Suffering Servant

## Isaiah 52:13–53:12

*"Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n  
to earth come down..."*  
Hymn #2 Great Hymns of the Faith

### Into the Lesson:

Spend some time reading Isaiah 7:14-15 (setting the stage):

Then from the perspective of Philippians 2:5-8, try to imagine what Heaven would have been like during Jesus' 33+ years of self-imposed exile.

### Into the Word:

By way of review, reconnect with the three previous "Servant Songs" from this sermon series. As you read, make note of the verses that reference various aspects of His coming suffering:

Isaiah 42:1-9-

Isaiah 49:1-7-

Isaiah 50:1-11-

Now reread Isaiah 52:13-53:12 making note of the "parallelism" Sam referenced in 52:13-14:

How could Sam's quote, *"This Servant is going to be exalted to the highest, but first He will be descended to the lowest and this will cleanse the world and will be the key for the world."* Be seen as the theme or focus for this entire series?

How has the continuous teaching of *what has happened, what is happening now, what will happen in the future* been born out through this series?

Did this make it easier to understand in Isaiah time?

How about in Jesus' time (see Matthew 8:14-17)?

How about in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

After rereading Isaiah 53:4-6, comment on Sam's statement, *"He doesn't heal by evaporating our sin."*

Take a few minutes to prayerfully contemplate Sam's quote, *"This Servant is going to be exalted to the highest, but first He will be descended to the lowest and this will cleanse the world and will be the key for the world."*

### Into Life:

How do we see evidence that, *"the picture that is developed is beyond the OT understanding of the hope of resurrection"* may be beyond the understanding of a vast majority of the population today?

How has the *"living my own truth"* mindset further clouded people's perception of hope?

If the world around us does not see our Hope of the Resurrection, what needs to change in our lives to make it evident?

How can I Peter 1:1-9 provide a source of strength and encouragement during our sojourn in "enemy territory"?

How does I Corinthians 15:12-19 provide a further mandate for us to live a resurrection lifestyle?

### *Philippians 2:1-2*

*If then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

### This Week's Songs:

This Is Amazing Grace

O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer (Hymn #174)

Man Of Sorrows

Nothing But The Blood

My Jesus

