

## THE GOOD NEWS OF GOOD FRIDAY

ISAIAH 53:4-9

### INTRODUCTION:

God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being. He created male and female, the first people on earth, the first husband and wife. God created a beautiful garden for them to live in and care for. God put one rule for them to follow, they were not to eat the fruit of one tree that was in the middle of the garden, the tree God named the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said if they ate of that tree they would surely die. Adam and Eve had a perfect life caring for a perfect garden. They had a perfect relationship with each other and a perfect relationship with God their Creator. Life was perfect, life was as God intended it to be.

Then it all changed, Eve was deceived by Satan and took fruit from the forbidden tree and ate it and gave some to Adam and he chose to eat it as well. Their perfect life was ended, their relationship with God was broken, they were expelled from the garden, growing food became hard work as they battled weeds, thorns, and thistles. Man's life became a burden that eventually ended in death, physical as well as eternal death, forever separated from God their Creator.

God loved mankind whom He had created, but His holy standard had to be upheld, the consequence for sin was death. Mankind was lost unless a perfect, sinless substitute could be found to die in man's place. The master plan of God to save His lost and dying creation was enacted and He began promising man that a redeemer, a perfect, sinless deliverer would come. This deliverer would save them from their sins, God Himself would die in man's place.

### I. GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION (Isaiah 53:4-6)

- a. These verses are the two central stanzas of a five-stanza poem known as a \_\_\_\_\_ poem; this is the fourth Servant poem in Isaiah.
- b. Isaiah begins vs. 4 by stating that this Servant bore our \_\_\_\_\_ or infirmities and carried our sorrows or diseases. (Matthew 8:16-17)

- c. In verse five Isaiah gives a different reason for the way in which Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ ended.
- d. Isaiah writes that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ through for our transgressions.
- e. Next Isaiah writes that Jesus was crushed for our \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Finally, Isaiah speaks of the result of this hideous, humiliating death of Jesus, the good news of \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
- g. Isaiah ends by describing our \_\_\_\_\_ before Jesus went to the cross. He says that we are all like sheep. (John 10:1-18)

### II. THE HUMILITY OF THE REDEEMER (Isaiah 53:7-9)

- a. Jesus Christ came to earth as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; He came to do the will of His Father in Heaven.
- b. Isaiah compares Jesus to a \_\_\_\_\_. A lamb was a frequent symbol of the Redeemer in Scripture.
- c. Because He \_\_\_\_\_ as a criminal His body should have been disposed of as a criminal's.
- d. Isaiah ends his prophecy by again reminding us that Jesus had done nothing deserving the \_\_\_\_\_ that He died.

### CONCLUSION:

Jesus died because of His love for mankind, His love for men, women and children that He had created and will create. It was the master plan of God to redeem mankind from death and eternal separation from Him. God's holy standard had to be satisfied for man to be forgiven and to satisfy it blood had to be shed, someone had to die. Jesus Christ, God in the flesh came to this earth and died as our substitute to satisfy God's holy standard. Paul wrote in Romans 5:8, "*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" (Romans 5:8, NASB95) This is the good news of Good Friday, Jesus Christ died for us that we might be forgiven and be restored in our relationship with God, no longer separated, but with the hope that we will forever be together.