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The Suffering Servant Brings Salvation

JUNIOR LESSON

Study Scripture – Isaiah 53:4-11

Background Scripture – Isaiah 52 & 53

Key Verse:

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

INTRODUCTION

There is an interesting song that we sometimes sing in church and it goes like this:

**I rest my weary soul in Thee,
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.**

Jesus has a supernatural and unbelievably great love for His family. We do not understand this fully, but He has told us that He loves us, and He did what He did when He came from heaven so that we would be part of His family and be brothers and sisters to Him. He endured a lot of suffering to do the job as our Saviour.

So our Study is really about love. Jesus told us who the members of His family would be for He said:

For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother”.

Jesus though He was in Heaven longed to have a big, big family consisting of human beings. He knew that He and His Father and the Holy Spirit were so holy and perfect that they could never have a close relationship with human beings so that they would be part of the family of God because they had always been committing all kinds of sins and worshiping different kind of idols. The people preferred to hold on to things of little value and spending all their time chasing after all kinds of things like money, power, houses, cars, boats, and all kind of other things instead of worshiping God and making Him the most important thing in their lives.

Jesus knew that men and women on earth were caught in a trap that it was almost impossible for them to break out of. So He decided to come down to Earth to take on to Himself all the sins that people had committed in the past, and the sins that they would commit in the future as

long as they believed on Him as their Saviour and Lord and would faithfully follow Him with great loyalty.

But when He came down as a human being He did not look as if He was some special and grand person, but He looked like all the ordinary men and women around Him in Israel. Because of that the rulers in Israel did not like Him and they did not want to listen to the truth that He had been telling them from God the Father. God the Father had given Him some knowledge that He should give to the people on earth.

So they treated Jesus badly and persecuted Him. He was very sorry for the suffering of the people around Him and He suffered and had a lot of grief when He saw how badly the people treated each other. He suffered a lot, but He always went about healing and teaching people. He did not draw back, be lonely or depressed for He loved the people and so He was prepared to endure all kinds of pain and suffering.

It is not easy to love someone when those that you love do not like you and do not want to listen to you even if you are telling them the right thing and trying to get them out of trouble.

But Jesus came from Heaven to earth as a Servant of His Father and He did everything that His Father in Heaven wanted Him to do to help the people on earth. He was always obedient to the Father and never did anything that was wrong. He had no sin. He was a perfect person. He therefore was able to stand in the place of men as a sacrifice dying on the Cross in order to bear their sins which were transferred to Him. He became a substitute for people.

We know that the Father was so holy that He could not have a good relationship with human beings if they were committing sins and so He came up with a plan to have His son Jesus become a substitute and take the sins of the people unto Himself so the people on earth would not be regarded as guilty anymore if they believed that Jesus Christ was their Saviour. That way God would have a family on earth. By doing so Jesus became the remedy for our sins. He did what we call atoning for the sins of people.

The people treated Jesus very badly. They beat Him up so badly that He did not look like a human being. The prophet Isaiah said that they despised Him and did not count Him as anything valuable even though He was the only one that could save them from death and suffering. They were very foolish. Then they took Him to the cross and crucified Him. He had become so weak from the ill-treatment and suffering that He could not even carry His own Cross and the soldiers that were escorting Him had to get somebody to carry His wooden Cross for Him.

When He died, he was buried in the tomb of a rich man who was a disciple. The Roman governor in Judea gave this man permission to take the body of Jesus down from the Cross after He died and so Jesus had an honourable burial in a rich man's tomb.



Jesus was innocent of everything. He committed no crime but still the rulers of the country hated Him. They were jealous of Him because they knew that He spoke the truth and that when He became the ruler, they would have to stop misbehaving. But some people stuck with Jesus and believed that He was the Messiah and that He would come back to earth again after He was resurrected from the dead and ascended to heaven.

They watched Jesus ascend to heaven and they stayed together and waited for Jesus to send the Holy Spirit to give them power to carry the message of the Good News of salvation to people who were all over the world.

Suffering is not good, but God the Father turned things around so that the bad things people did worked out for the good of others.

So we thank God for what the Suffering Servant did.
Let us join in spreading the Good News about Jesus.

