

THE LAMB WHO WENT TO THE SLAUGHTER



JESUS WAS THE LAMB WHO WENT TO THE SLAUGHTER FOR OUR SINS

“HE WENT AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH”

“He was oppressed, tyrannized, harassed) and He was afflicted (brow beaten, looked down upon, ravished, chastened, defiled) Yet He opened Not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, SO HE OPENETH NOT HIS MOUTH!” Isaiah 53:7

“He was taken from prison (constraint) and from judgment (the right sentence) and who shall declare (ponder upon, meditate or muse upon, or pray about) His generation (potential life). For He was cut off (a violent death) out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken.” Isaiah 53:8

To back up a couple of verses:

Who hath believed our report? (speaks of the the world’s lack of faith in general) and to whom The arm of the Lord (is the emblem of divine power)) Isaiah 53:1

“For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant (Jesus the Servant), and as a root out of the dry ground (David’s line): He hath no form nor comeliness; (splendor in appearance) and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. Is. 53:2

“He is despised (scorned, treated with disdain) and rejected of men (abandoned), a man of sorrows (anguish, affliction) and acquainted with grief (malady, anxiety, calamity) and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised (scorned), and we esteemed him not!” Isaiah 53:3

“Surely He hath borne our griefs (sickness, anxiety,) and carried our sorrows (anguish, pain, affliction, grief) yet we did esteem (think, regard, value, count, consider, imagine) Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted .” (weakened in any wise) Is. 53:4

“But He was wounded (pierced through to death) for our transgressions (sins), He was bruised (“daka”utterly crushed) for our iniquities (moral evils) the chastisement (correction, discipline) of our peace (that which procured our peace with God) was upon Him; and with His stripes (wounds) we are Healed.” (physician, cause to heal, repair thoroughly, make whole, mend, cure) Isaiah 53:5

“All we (mankind) have gone astray; (desperate condition of mankind, lost, without a Shepherd) (Matthew 9:36) We have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Jesus the iniquity of us All!”

Then Isaiah 8 and 9.

“And He made His grave with the wicked (before He hung between two thieves), and with the rich in His death (He was buried in a borrowed tomb of a rich man) because He had done no violence (unrighteousness, injustice, wrong, cruelty, unjust gain, dealings, damage), neither was there any deceit (falseness, treachery, craft, fraud, feigned guile, subtilly) in His mouth!” Isaiah 53:9

“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise (crush Him utterly) and put Him to grief: (be afflicted, cause to grieve, make sore, become weak, put to pain, make sick, put to prayer) when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin (guilt, or sin offering for our sins)

“He shall see His seed (those who will come to believe in Him) He shall prolong His days (indicates that Jesus ministry will not end with His violent death, and implies His resurrection) and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.” (refers to God’s ultimate purposes which will be accomplished by the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus, His Servant) Isaiah 53:10

He (God) shall see the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant, (Jesus) justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.” Is. 53:11

“Therefore will I (God) divide the spoil (booty) with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession (confer with, entreat) for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:12

In verses 53:1 & 2 we see the personal Messiah, the Son of God, who alone can atone for sin. His message is rejected, (v 1) His person is refused (v 2) and His mission is misunderstood (v 3)

Nevertheless, His vicarious suffering provides atonement for our sins (v 4-6) and though He suffers (v 7) death (v 8) and burial (v 9), He will ultimately be exalted. vv 10-12).

“The chapter ends with the glorification and exaltation of Jesus, the Servant of the Lord. His intercession refers to His high priestly ministry, by which He makes intercession for us on the basis and Him being the substitute, propitiation; for our death.

“But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.”

“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:24, 25

To continue:

Throughout His life and His ministry he was without sin. He didn’t say or think one sinful thing. Often Jesus prayed all night to His Father and then He prayed for His disciples and us who would come to believe in Him before He went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

He also had a very special supper with His disciples before His crucifixion.

THESE ARE THE WORDS OF JESUS AS HE PRAYED BEFORE HIS PASSION:

“These words spake Jesus and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify Thee.” “As Thou hast given Me power (authority) over all flesh, that I should give Eternal Life to as many as Thou hast given Me.” “And this is Eternal life, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent.” I have glorified thee on the Earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.” “And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the World was.” John. 17:1-5

“I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me; and they have Kept Thy Word.” “Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee.” “For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me.”

“I pray for them: I pray Not for the World, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine.” “And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.” “And now I am no more (no longer going to be in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, Keep through Thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be One, as we are.” John 17:6-11

“While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept, and none of them is lost (destroyed) but the son of perdition; (Judas); that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

“And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.” “I have given them Thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

“I pray Not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest Keep them from the evil (one).” John 17:12-15

“They (His disciples) are not of the world even as I am not of the world.” “Sanctify them through thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.” “As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.” “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the Truth.” John 17:16-19

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall Believe on Me through their Word.” “That they may all be One; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they may also be One in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved Me.” “And the glory which Thou gavest me I have given them; and they may be one even as we are One.” “I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved me.” “Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the Foundation of the World.” John 17:20-24

“O Righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these (the disciples and people who believed Jesus’ witness) have known that Thou hast sent me.” “And I have declared unto them Thy Name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be IN them, and I in Them!” John 17:25, 26

There you have the whole chapter of John 17 in the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible. Jesus prayed mightily before He went to the Cross.

THEN IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE:

Jesus didn’t complain. He just humbly asked His Father: “O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou wilt!” And then He came back once more to pray and He said, “O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy Will be Done.” Matthew 26:39, 42

When Jesus was whipped He didn’t open in mouth in protest, nor did He throw accusations at them. Jesus just stood there, dumb, like a Lamb to the slaughter. And when He was unfairly questioned and insulted; He didn’t answer at all if it was unnecessary. Jesus’ words were few and to the point: When they asked Him if He was the Christ He said, “If I tell you, ye will not believe: And if I also ask you, ye will not answer Me, nor let Me go.” “Hereafter shall the Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God.” When Jesus was asked, “Art Thou the Son of God? Jesus answered “Ye say that I am.”

And Jesus said when Pilate asked Him “Art Thou the King of the Jews? Jesus said, “Thou sayest it.” “The previous 4 scriptures are in Luke, Chapter 22

When Jesus went before Herod. Luke 23:9 says that he questioned with him in many words; but Jesus answered him Nothing!”

Jesus just stood there mute for most of the time, even through His whipping when He took our stripes for us...He meekly took it with no protest.

Oh, what a Savior! To do all that for us, to save us from our sins! Let’s ask Him **WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, LORD?**

And let’s tell Jesus that we won’t let one opportunity go to tell someone about the love of Jesus or by showing His love and telling them the wonderful Salvation message! The time is short, my friend...the clock is ticking, when Jesus will be back for His Bride! I ask you: **ARE YOU READY?**

When He does, or we die before than, we want to hear, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant!”

Note: All definitions of words taken from the New Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Holy Bible.

