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Silent Saviour
Isaiah 53:7-12



He Knows How it Feels

- If God can take the torture of the cross and make it the redemption for all creation, then we can have faith that the pain we experience today has redemptive purpose for us and / or others

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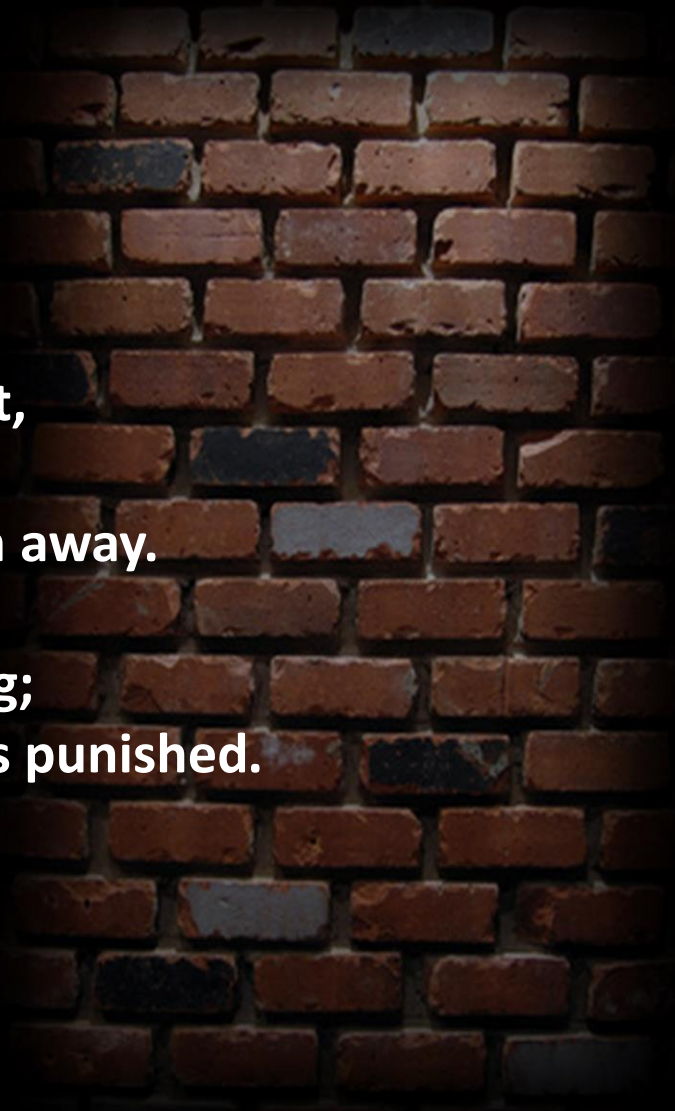
His suffering,
Our **salvation**

Isaiah 53

**7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.**

**8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.**

**9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.**





You Have the Right to Remain Silent!

- Mark 15:2-5
- Not a helpless lamb, a silent lamb
- This is the Good Shepherd
- He **CHOSE** not to speak because of love

“There was no cause within himself [Christ] why he should go to the cross to lay down his life. He yielded himself up, a willing sacrifice for our sins.” (Spurgeon)



It May Harm Your Defence

- **Oppression (arrest/imprisonment) and (unjust) Judgment**
 - The result of His loving choice of silence was that the unjust justice system had its way and He was taken through the greatest ever injustice
 - And This is THE JUDGE
- **And the people of His day kept quiet, be it by naivety, cowardice, deception or design**

Judged Judge

- Because of His love the Good Shepherd chose to be a silent lamb, The Judge of all subjected Himself to our judgement
- And the Result of our judgement?
- Aggressively cut off / judged
 - ‘My God, my God’
- He took on Himself the judgement of God that we deserved

The Judgement We Deserve

- He was cut off
- He was punished
 - For our transgression / rebellion
- He tasted death
 - Alongside the wicked
- In spite of His silence and His innocence



Isaiah 53

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer...



The Lord's Will?

- Cosmic child abuse?
- Or the perfect love of a Father who loves the world immeasurably and sees the end from the beginning?
- We don't stop at the suffering...

Isaiah 53

and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Saviour

- His death led to life
- His obedience, sacrifice, humility, silence and LOVE led to life, intercession, fruit throughout the generations. SALVATION.
- And his eternal position and authority

Humility to Highly Exalted

Phil. 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Love, Obey, Sacrifice

- Have this mind too, looking out for one another, just as Christ has loved you
- Our motivation is love. Love brings about obedience. Obedience brings about sacrifice
- ‘Obedience is better than sacrifice’
- ‘If you love me, you will obey my commands’

It is born of **His love**
for us. The **Father** wants
the **best** for **US**, just as He
did for **Jesus**.



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