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Regarding Jesus Part 5

Isaiah 53

- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
- **3** He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- **4** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
- **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1. What 2 depictions of Messiah are mentioned in chapter 25 of *Regarding Jesus*? What are their differences and when are they fulfilled?

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2. The idea of a Royal Ruler was and is what people want to believe Messiah to be. However, the suffering servant had to come before the Royal Ruler. Why can it be hard for people both then and now to embrace the Suffering Servant?

- 3. Messiah encapsulates both the Suffering Servant and the Royal Ruler. What can happen when we view Jesus as only the Suffering Servant or Royal Ruler and not both?
- 4. What does it mean to you that Jesus will be coming as the Royal Ruler one day?
- 5. Read **Isaiah 53**. <u>Underline</u> any descriptions of Jesus and [] references to what He did for us.
- It is always good to take time to ponder what Jesus did for us. What part of this passage is most meaningful to you?

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

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

6. There were 3 major offices among the people of Israel in the Old Testament...**Prophet**, **Priest**, and **King**. A <u>Prophet</u> spoke God's word to the people. A <u>Priest</u> offered sacrifices, prayers, and praises to God on behalf of the people. The <u>King</u> ruled over the people as God's representative. How does Jesus fulfill these 3 offices?

- Prophet [Hebrews 1:1-3]
- Priest [Hebrews 9:11-14]
- King [Ephesians1:18-23]

7. "Our belief in the Son of Man makes all the difference in our living-and our dying", **Regarding Jesus** [pg. 70].

- What difference should Jesus make in the way you live?
- What difference should Jesus make in your dying?

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