

Isaiah Lesson – 10: Doing the Unthinkable

This Week’s Study: *Isa. 50:4-10, Isa. 52:13-53:10-12*

Memory Verse

Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV) *“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed”.*”

When Jesus first came the typical Jew believed the Messiah was going to sit on the throne of David and overthrow the Roman oppression.

Israel would once again be a world power.

Some prophecies predict Jesus coming as a lion and some as a lamb.

Matthew 11:3 (NKJV) *and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”*

Luke 24:21 (NKJV) *But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.*

Acts 1:6 (NKJV) *Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”*

Isaiah’s Testing Truth (*Isa. 50:4-10*)

Isaiah 50:4–10 (NKJV) *“The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. ⁵ The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. ⁶ I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. ⁷ “For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. ⁸ He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. ⁹ Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ “Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God.*”

The Suffering Servant Poem (*Isa. 52:13-53:12*)

Isaiah 52:13–15 *Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently;*

1 Samuel 18:14 *And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.*

He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

Philippians 2:9–11 (NKJV) *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

¹⁴ *Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;*

Matthew 26:67 (NKJV) *Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands,*

Psalms 71:7 *I am as a wonder unto many;...*

¹⁵ *So shall He sprinkle many nations.*

Numbers 19:18–19 (NKJV) *A clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, sprinkle it on the tent, on all the vessels, on the persons who were there, ... ¹⁹ The clean person shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and ...he shall be clean.*

Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

Revelation 6:15 (NKJV) *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,*

Who Has Believed? (*Isa. 53:1, 2*)

Isaiah 53:1–2 (NKJV) *Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

John 12:37–38 (NKJV) *But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, ³⁸ that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?”*

² *For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.*

The Unreachable Is Us! (*Isa. 53:3-9*)

Isaiah 53:3–9 (NKJV) *He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 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 wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes 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. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Matthew 26:62–63 (NKJV) *And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” ⁶³ But Jesus kept silent...*

⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Acts 8:30–35 (NKJV) *So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.” ³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.*

Matthew 27:57–60 (NKJV) *Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. ⁵⁹ When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.*

Jeremiah 11:19 (NKJV) *¹⁹ But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more.”*

A Transforming Reparation Offering (Isa. 53:10-12)

Isaiah 53:10 *Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.*

Jonah 1:14 *Therefore they cried out to the Lord and said, “We pray, O Lord, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You.”*

Luke 22:41–44 (NKJV) *And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

Zechariah 13:7 (NKJV) *“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the Lord of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered;*

Matthew 26:31 (NKJV) *Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”*

Isaiah 53:11 (NKJV) *He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.*

Matthew 20:28 (NKJV) *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Romans 3:24 (NKJV) *being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

John 1:29 (NKJV) *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV) *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

Isaiah 53:12 (NKJV) *Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.*

Mark 15:27–28 (NKJV) *With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. ²⁸ So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.”*

He made intercession for the transgressors,

Luke 23:34 (NKJV) *Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”*