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"Who Is God"
Isaiah 53
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# **Using This Study**

# **O EXAMINE His Word**

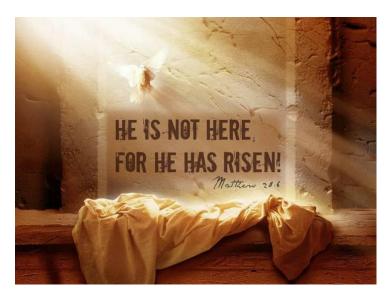
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

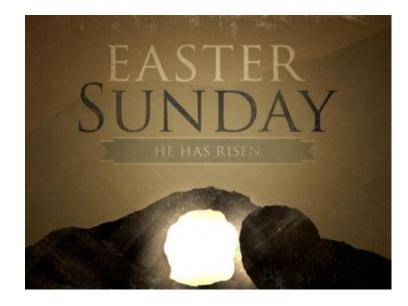
# **9 EXPLORE His Word**

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### **© EMBRACE His Word**

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.





It is Easter, Resurrection Sunday. Each year we set aside a special day to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He freely gave His life as payment for our sin and rebellion. His death on the cross sets us free from the debt we own for our wickedness. But the story does not stop there. Easter is not the celebration of His death but of His resurrection. Jesus has overcome sin and death. Not only did He make the payment for our sin, but in His resurrection He demonstrates His authority over life and death. Thus, He proves that He alone is God and He alone is a worthy sacrifice for our salvation. This week we will look at the character of God that is revealed through the salvation He freely offers all of us through His Son Jesus Christ.

# Read Isaiah 53 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

<sup>4</sup> Surely our griefs He Himself bore,
And our sorrows He carried;
Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten of God, and afflicted.
<sup>5</sup> But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,
And by His scourging we are healed.
<sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.

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So He did not open His mouth.

<sup>8</sup> 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 For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due?

<sup>9</sup> His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

But the Lord was pleased
 To crush Him, putting Him to grief;
 If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,
 He will see His offspring,
 He will prolong His days,
 And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,

And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

# • **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its

2.	Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3.	What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4.	Is there anything repeated?
5.	What is emphasized?
6.	Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7.	Are there things to be noted that are alike or unalike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion) What does God MEAN?
8. Who is this chapter talking about?
9. Which of these verses do we see fulfilled in Jesus Christ?
10. Why did the servant of Isaiah 53 have to die?
11. What characteristics of God are revealed in this passage?
12. How is this passage evidence of Jesus being the one true God?
<b>SEMBRACE His Word (Application)</b> (For Community Group discussion) Why does this MATTER to me?
13. Why are the characteristics of God, which are revealed in this passage, important to oullives?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO	
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14. What in this passage makes it easier for us to place our faith in Jesus?