

Luke 2:34-35

"Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed—35 and a sword will pierce your own soul—that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



Matthew 10:34
Don't assume that I came to bring peace on the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.



Isaiah 40:6

"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and announce to her that her time of hard service is over, her iniquity has been pardoned, and she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins."



Isaiah 43:25

I am the one, I sweep away your transgressions for my own sake and remember your sins no more.

Isaiah 44:22

I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like a mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.



Isaiah 52:3
For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without silver."



MAIN IDEA

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 answers what seems like an unreconcilable dilemma: How can a perfect and holy God pardon sinners who have broken His law, without demanding some kind of payment from them? How is the good news of great joy accomplished?



Isaiah **52:13-15**

See, my servant, will be successful; he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as many were appalled at you—his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths because of him, for they will see what had not been told them, and they will understand what they had not heard.

Isaiah 57:15

...the High and Exalted One, who lives forever, whose name is holy...

Isaiah 33:10

"Now I will rise up," says the LORD. "Now I will lift myself up. Now I will be exalted."

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

Isaiah 53:1-3

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

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- ² He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn't have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him.
- ³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him.

Isaiah 30:30

...the LORD will make the splendor of his voice heard and reveal his arm striking in angry wrath...

Isaiah 52:10

The LORD has displayed his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.



Isaiah 53:4-6

Yet [Surely] he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.

⁶ We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the LORD has punished him for the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7-9

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth.

⁸ He was taken away because of oppression and judgment, and who considered his fate? For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was struck because of my people's rebellion.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.

Isaiah 53:10-12

Yet the LORD was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the LORD's pleasure will be accomplished.

- ¹¹ After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied. By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.

It was God's design that His servant would be the guilt offering who would bring about the justification of many. God willed the suffering of His servant to clear many from the guilt of their sin.



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