

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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His Sacrifice
Isaiah 53

No. 1

Today is Communion Sunday and it a day of remembrance.

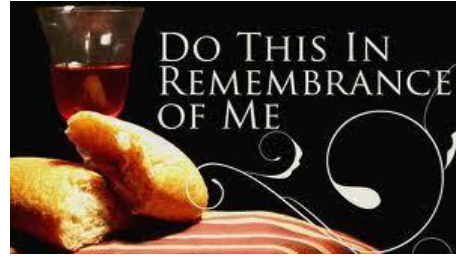
Every day is not the same.

We have:

- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Holidays

They all stand out from the regular days of the year.

But in order to commemorate the sacrifice of Christ, Jesus asks us to remember what He did for us.



In Jn 1 here is John the Baptist, standing in the Jordan River, baptizing people with repentant hearts.

*The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

The fact that The Messiah would come and take away the sin of the world was nothing new to the Jews.

Their earlier prophets spoke about this Messiah who would come and atone for their transgressions.

Before we observe the Lord's Table, let's go back and listen to what the prophet said in earlier times in order to prepare the people.

Is 53:1 the question is, Do you believe this?

Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Wait!

What report?

Is 52:7 How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

That report!

So here is Jesus, having His final meal with His disciples and the message of Isaiah is playing in His mind.

v.2 *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.*

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He remembers His childhood, His teen years, His adulthood. He never really stood out from others. He more or less just blended in.

But,

He was different, better to say "singled out!"

Now,

He remembers His ministry among people.

Lu 7:21 He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind.

Yet,

v.3 *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.*

Jn 10:20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?"

Jn 8:48 They called Him a demon possessed Samaritan.

Mt 9:34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

MK 3:21 When His own people (kinsmen, family), heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."

Jn 7:5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

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.

He looked to His childhood

He remembered His ministry

Now,

He looks to the future.

v.4 *Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.*

Though said in the past, He knew His time had come.

"bore our griefs" to lift our anxieties

"carried our sorrows" labored in our place, wore our anguish

We esteemed "like a leper" judged by God for His sins.

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But the reality is:

v.5 *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.*

"pierced" with a sword

"crushed" crush to pieces, bruise, crumble

He could only cry out;

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

chastening for our well-being – punishment for our peace (with God)

"scourging" stripes laid on Him

"healed" of our sins

For

John said, The Lamb of God has come to take away the sin of the world!

As one man said; (Barnes Notes)

"The removal of the load of sin is represented as an act of healing."

He saw mankind drift away from God. They were lost and vulnerable. Easy prey for the wolf.

So He took what separated us from God and bore it upon Himself so we could be brought back as wandering sheep.

Finally,

He knew His destiny and did nothing to offset it.

v.7 *He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth;*

"oppressed" like under a task master

"afflicted" (beaten down) so as to be bowed down

And what did He say?

Nothing!

Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Even Pilate said to Him,

Mt 27:13 *T"Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?"*

v.14 *And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.*

Jesus' life played before Him at that last meal with the disciples.

His childhood, teen years

Adult life and ministry

Even the future that awaited Him.

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So now,
He tells His disciples to honor Him by remembering Him.
Let us remember Him as we prepare for Communion.