Introduction
The Suffering Servant – Isaiah 53
How can a holy God forgive our sins and still be just?
The answer in a word is grace.
God will do it. God will provide a way.

I. The Servant’s Introduction. Isaiah 52:13-15
“This, my servant will act wisely.”
This verse stands like a banner at the beginning of this poem.
The treatment he received was inhumane.
But this will be the means by which God will save all who believe in him.
The day will come when kings will shut their mouths because of him.
“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.” Revelation 1:7

II. The Servant’s Rejection. Isaiah 53:1-3
“Who has believed our message?”
There was nothing outstanding about his appearance or physique.
His family didn’t even believe in him at the start of his ministry.
He was despised and rejected by men.
Oh, how easy it is to judge by outward appearances.

III. The Servant’s Atonement. Isaiah 53:4-6
He died for our sins.
The only way that God could forgive our sins and still be just is that someone had to pay the debt that we owed.

This is what the whole sacrificial system was about.

“A lamb cannot die in a human’s place, but a perfect human could. And if that human is also God, he could die for every human’s sin.” John Oswalt

That is what Jesus did.

“Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John 1:29

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” II Corinthians 5:21

IV. The Servant’s Innocence. Isaiah 53:7-9

Jesus willingly laid down his life for us.

He was not overpowered. He chose not to fight back.

“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” Luke 23:46

“Surely this was a righteous man.” Luke 23:47

By oppression and judgment, he was led away.

V. The Servant’s Victory. Isaiah 53:10-12

Jesus’ death was by the will of God.

Because of what Jesus has done, he will see his offspring – all who believe in him.

By the knowledge of him, my servant will justify many.

It is only by placing our trust in Jesus as our Savior and Lord, that we can be saved.

His death brings life.

His offering is complete – once for all.

Conclusion

Jesus is the suffering servant of Isaiah 53.

Only by his grace can we be saved.