

Hidden Messiah

Part 6: Isaiah
Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Launch

What is the worst winter storm you can remember?

Explore

Read the passage

What do these verses tell us about Jesus? What do they tell us about ourselves?

According to the passage, what was Jesus' attitude in the midst of suffering?

How did Jesus suffer injustice? Why? What did this produce?

How is oppression and injustice central to the Gospel?

Apply

What kind of suffering have you experienced? How does knowing about Jesus' suffering help you in the midst of yours?

Discuss the following statement from Cru:

Freeing captives is at the very heart of our faith. Jesus humbly suffered oppression in order to free those bound in captivity, and He suffered injustice so that we might receive mercy. The only thing that can sustain our motivation to do justice humbly and selflessly is seeing the mercy we received in Christ with greater and greater clarity. The more our hearts grasp Christ's selflessness and humility, the more we will humble ourselves to serve the oppressed.

How does this motivate you to serve people who are experiencing oppression or injustice? Give a specific example of people who come to mind. What can you do to serve them?

Be sure to participate in *Preparing For the Coming Messiah* at centralsf.org/christmas-2021

Pray

Thank Jesus for how he suffered for you. Ask for wisdom and encouragement to serve others who are suffering.