

**Isaiah 52:13-53**  
Isaiah IV: Passion

*A suffering servant ...*

I. A Long, Hard Look at Our Sin

- A. God's Standard
- B. Our Guilty Lot
- C. Insurmountable Problem

II. The Substitute

- A. Out of Anguish
  - 1. Unassuming
  - 2. Burdened
  - 3. Rejected
  - 4. Crushed
  - 5. Cut Off
- B. Satisfaction

III. A Loving, Lingering Look at Jesus

- A. Lifted Up
- B. For Sinners' Gain
  - 1. Accounted Righteous
  - 2. Out of Misery
  - 3. Deeply Thankful

*... the Son of God?*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Are any of us without sin?
2. Is there any way we can save ourselves from our sin on our own?
3. Who does God send to take the punishment we deserve for our sinfulness?
4. How does Jesus show His perfect love for us?
5. Have you trusted Jesus to take away your sin? If so, how do you show Him thanks?

**A Strange Design**

In his epic hymn *And Can It Be*, Charles Wesley invites us sing of one of the great perplexities of faith. God prompts the very same kind of perplexity in the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah, only with far more graphic details, when He describes through His inspired prophet the Suffering Servant. Isaiah and Wesley are speaking of one and the same person – the Son of the living God who came in humility as a man to save sinners from the condemnation and burden of sin. The thought that sinless Jesus, Son of God and Son of man took upon Himself the grim consequences for our guilt is more than we can ever really fathom, yet that is exactly what His atoning sacrifice is all about. Though we may not be able to *sound the depths of the divine love* expressed in the Passion of Christ, we believe it, cherish it, rest in it, rejoice in it and live because of it. May our lives be thank offerings to the Lord for all the goodness He has shown to us.