

- I. The entire life of Jesus is summarized with one word in the Apostles' Creed: suffering.
- II. We want to understand the purpose of Jesus' suffering, keeping in mind the suffering we experience in this life.

A Suffering Savior for a Suffering People

I. What Is This Suffering?

A. Suffering is not simply pain but is oppression caused by wickedness.

B. There is more to all of this: Jesus' suffering was unique, compared to our suffering, because He suffered the wrath of God (I Peter 1:24).

II. Why Did He Suffer? He suffered to pay for our sins.

A. Suffering is the way for our Savior to pay for our sins because suffering is the result of sin, which explains why we have suffering in our lives.

B. Jesus suffered and died as a propitiatory sacrifice.

III. What Do We Learn?

A. The suffering in our lives tells us that something is wrong.

B. We also learn through suffering that there is a good end.