

Isaiah 53:3

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- Since it is impossible for us to identify with the perfect and eternal, God became broken and despised so that He might create a path of reconciliation.

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- **Adopted:** Matthew 1:20
- **Poverty and Homelessness:** Matthew 8:20
- **Migrant:** Matthew 2:13-15
- **Subject to Gossip:** "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners." Matt 11:19
- **Underestimated:** John 1:46
- **Hated by the Ruling Class:** Matthew 12:14
- **Falsely accused:** Matt 27:12
- **Betrayed:** Luke 22:48
- **Physically Assaulted:** Mark 15:15
- **Murdered:** Mark 8:31

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JOHN 1:10-11

He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. "He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.

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Vs. 3b *Like one from whom people hide their faces, He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem.*

- In the Summa Fabula (summation of life) of Christ life, He died rejected, scorned and alone.

Practical Takeaway: Jesus' suffering brought meaning to our own suffering.

- **Vs. 5** *But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. We often view the world through the kaleidoscope of our pain? Do you feel that this is true?
2. Why do you think Jesus allowed Himself to identify with the broken rather than the famous?
3. Which of the above list of sufferings of Jesus do you most identify with?
4. How does Jesus taking victory over suffering allow us to be healed from ours? Why are we healed by his wounds? Vs. 5
5. Jesus didn't allow the victimization to define His reality. Instead, He lived as a victor despite the abuse. In a victim culture, how do we not let our suffering define us in a negative way?