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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Isaiah's Messiah // Ep. 6: Ruin to Redemption
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Isaiah 53:9-10

Vs. 9 He was **assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

Main Idea: The gift of redemption will always be wrapped in a paper of suffering and brokenness. This is because without suffering and brokenness, there is nothing which can be redeemed.

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- **Assigned:**
 - **John 19:16** Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.
 - **John 10:18** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”
- **Grave¹:**
 - **Romans** left the bodies of the crucified to decompose upon their crosses.
 - **Jews** understood that unburied bodies were considered cursed.
 - **Jeremiah 7:33** The dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the sky and for the beasts of the earth; and no one will frighten them away.
 - **Mark 15:43** Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.
- **Wicked and Rich:**
 - **Mark 15:27** They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left.
 - **Matthew 27:59-60** When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

Take Away: What the enemy meant for evil, God has turned to good for the saving of many lives.

- **Gen 50:20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Questions for small groups:

1. How difficult is it to wait for redemption in the midst of suffering?
2. Pastor Adam said, “Life is unfair and so is grace.” Can you explain what this means? Is it true?
3. Jesus was not abandoned to the grave. Have you ever felt abandoned by God, only to find that he was always there?
4. Joseph of Arimathea literally put Jesus in his own tomb, where Joseph was supposed to be buried one day. Can you describe the significance of this?
5. The scripture says that Jesus was numbered among the rich and the wicked? Why is it important that Jesus was surrounded by these two extremes in society?

¹ Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Lack-Of-A-Proper-Burial>