

Isaiah 53

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Part 2 - Jesus' Death and Resurrection

The gospel encompasses the entire communication of redemption and salvation to humans as preached by Jesus Christ and His followers. The gospel Jesus proclaimed focused on the arrival of God's kingdom. Through Christ's coming to earth, God's rule would be completed, His righteousness established, and His people glorified. The gospel is good news because in it we find God's promise of forgiveness from sin. Through the gospel, we receive God's power to live a new life in the righteousness of Jesus Christ: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last" (Romans 1:16–17). The gospel is good news because, through faith in Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and brought near to Him in fellowship: "Since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us" (Romans 5:1). The gospel is good news because "to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12–13). What could be more excellent news than its promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ?

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His Trial: *The Messiah will be rejected by the Jewish people²⁴, be silent when accused and arrested without protest²⁵, and will suffer alone after being abandoned by His closest friends²⁶.*

His Conviction: *The Messiah will be sentenced to die a humiliating death²⁷ where He will be mocked²⁸ and beaten²⁹.*

His Crucifixion: *The Messiah will be executed with thieves³⁰, where His executioners will pierce His hands and feet³¹ and cast lots for His clothing³².*

His Time on the Cross: *Just before the Messiah's death, He will be thirsty³³, so they will give Him gall and vinegar to drink³⁴.*

His Death: *Unlike the other condemned men, none of the Messiah's bones will be broken³⁵ to speed His death, but instead they will pierce His side³⁶ to confirm His death.*

His Burial and Resurrection: *In the end, the Messiah will be buried in a rich man's tomb³⁷, but will rise from the dead³⁸, and ascend into heaven³⁹.*

- I. The apostle Paul's closing instructions to the Thessalonian church stresses the believer's responsibility for guarding his or her own spiritual integrity with this command: "Do not quench the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19–21). The Holy Spirit is like a fire dwelling in each believer. Paul is cautioning Christians not to suppress the fire of God's Spirit that burns within us. As a member of the Trinity and God Himself, the Holy Spirit cannot be snuffed out, but He can be quenched or stifled when we resist the Spirit's work in our own lives and in the church. We quench the Holy Spirit's fire when we ignore or reject His work of convincing "the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment" (John 16:8). The Spirit gives us direction in life, transforms our circumstances, encourages us, empowers us to share the gospel and does the sanctifying work of changing us into the image of Christ. But when we do not allow the Spirit to work in our hearts or be seen in our actions and if we prevent the Spirit from manifesting Himself in the way He wants to—when we act or think contrary to the practices and character of God—we quench the Holy Spirit within us and we halt the production of the fruits of the Spirit like "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23). When we do not quench the Holy Spirit, our lives are set ablaze to shine forth the truth, light, and love of God to everyone we encounter and His fiery presence brings unity, blessings, and fellowship, along with freedom, peace, and resurrection life. (GotQuestions.org)

Luke 22:31,39-44
Romans 11; 12:19

Galatians 6:2,7-10
John 19:30

- II. Salvation by grace through faith is at the heart of the Christian religion. We are saved by faith, not by our own good works lest we boast (Ephesians 2:8–9), yet we are saved to do good works (Ephesians 2:10). Our salvation is not the result of any of our efforts, abilities, intelligent choices, personal characteristics, or acts of service, all of which take our eyes off of Christ. However, as believers, we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works"—to help and serve others. While there is nothing we can do to earn our salvation, God's intention is that our salvation will result in acts of service. We are saved not merely for our own benefit but to serve Christ and build up the church. By grace, we receive the faith that enables us to believe that He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and provide the salvation we cannot achieve on our own. Jesus, as God in flesh, is the "author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). Salvation is obtained by faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, in what He has done—specifically, His death on the cross and His resurrection. But even faith is not something we generate on our own. Faith, as well as grace, is the gift of God. So, God saves us by His grace through the faith He gives us. Both grace and faith are gifts. (GotQuestions.org)

Matthew 10:32-33
Leviticus 5:6
Zechariah 13:8

1 Corinthians 15:51-57
Acts 2:24,29-32,36

III. The proof that Jesus Christ is the Messiah is incontrovertible. However, this truth must be more than intellectually understood. Christ must fully dwell in our hearts. When Scripture speaks of knowing, it almost always envisions a relational, experiential kind of knowing; a knowing that includes but goes beyond intellectual understanding. Christ is not just a wonderful idea, but instead is someone with whom you can have a personal relationship that is to be felt and treasured. This is the core of being a Christian. It is not only the understanding, acknowledgement, and profession of Jesus as your Lord and Savior, but loving Christ, and then living your life in accordance with that belief.

John 3:16-17; 15:13 2 Timothy 4:7-8
 1 Corinthians 9:16,19-27 Luke 24:13-35

24) Is. 53:3; Jn. 15:15; Ps. 118:22; 22:12-13; Mk. 15:6-15; Ac.9:4	30) Is. 53:12; Lk. 23:32-33; Mt. 10:32-33	36) Is. 53:5-6; Ze. 12:10; Jn. 19:33-34
25) Is. 53:7; Jn. 6:39, 17:12, 18:4-14; Mt. 26:51-54,61-63, 27:12-14	31) Ps. 22:16; Lk. 24:39-40; Jn. 20:24-27	37) Is. 53:9; Mt. 27:57-60
26) Is. 53:8; Mk. 14:15; Mt. 26:36-46,56, 69-75; Jn.19:25-27	32) Ps. 22:18; Jn. 19:23-24	38) Ps. 16:9-10; Ac. 2:24-36; Mt. 28:1-10
27) Ps. 22:14,17; Jn.19:17,19	33) Ps. 22:15; Jn. 19:28	39) Ps. 68:18; Ep. 4:8; Ac.1:9-11; Ze. 14:4
28) Ps. 22:6-8; Mt. 27:27-31,39-44	34) Ps. 69:21; Jn. 19:29	
29) Is. 52:14; Mt. 26:65-68, 27:24-26	35) Ps. 34:20; Ex. 12:46; Jn. 19:31-33; 1Pe. 1:18-19	