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The Cross
Lesson 10 The Silent Sufferer

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We are continuing our study of the cross, and we will start this lesson in Isaiah 53. This chapter details the crucifixion of Christ. We are only going to cover one verse in this lesson, a very significant verse though. Isaiah 53:7 *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.* How many times have we read Isaiah 53? When we read these verses, do we really feel what He felt? Can we see what He saw, can we understand that it should have been us on that cross, but instead it was our loving Saviour? We miss so much understanding of the scriptures when we approach the Bible as just another book to finish as quickly as possible.

He was oppressed, He was afflicted. That is much more than just having a bad time. To be oppressed is to be burdened with unreasonable impositions. Jesus Christ bore the unreasonable burden of leaving heaven to come to Earth for sinners. The Lord of glory came down here for us specks of dust to be tormented, afflicted, oppressed, slandered, backbit, jeered, laugh at, lied to, and worst of all to be separated from His Father. He suffered all this while taking on the sins of all these humans that hated Him so. It makes no sense at all. Why did He do it? Why? Because He loved us. Would you have put up with the insolence from the twelve disciples? How many times would you have allowed Peter to tell you that you did not know what you were talking about? Do you see the disrespect that not only came from His disciples but also from everyone who contradicted the words that He spoke to them? Even John the Baptist, who had been filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth, told Jesus, "No, I need to be baptized of you." Matthew 3:14-15 *But John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.* John, who are you? Do you not realize that I am the I AM? Jesus faced unreasonable burdens daily having to keep the law as written and to control ungodly men. Jesus was not obligated to keep the Law, but He kept it anyway so that the scripture would be fulfilled. He kept every jot and every tittle. He was oppressed from the opposing religious and political frauds. Luke 7:39 *Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.* Jesus Christ was not a manipulator, not a thief, never perverse in any of His ways. He is absolutely righteous. He came down to planet earth to suffer the slanderous abuse by Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes, and countless thieves and liars. By Pilate and Herod, wife swappers, cheaters,

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and extortioners. Matthew 12:24 ***But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.***

Mark 3:22 ***And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.*** Here is Jesus the Creator of Heaven and the Earth, the giver of the Law on Mt Sinai, the One that holds all things together by the word of His power. As He casts out a devil from an oppressed person, the religious leaders of the people were calling Him Beelzebub. It is amazing to think that He would bare the unreasonable burden of not just paying for sins, but paying for the sins of those who had sinned against him.

It might be simple to think of Christ as being just a good man who went to the cross and died for people who had sinned, but He is the Lord of glory. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He is the Alpha and Omega.

Think about these two verses:

1 John 2:2 ***And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

2 Corinthians 5:21 ***For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*** He was the holy, sinless, spotless, innocent Lamb of God. Every sin that man, woman, child has and will ever commit was put upon Him. He became sin for us. All of the sins of murder, rape, sodomy, sexual perverts, drunkenness, abuse, and etc. were laid on Jesus Christ as He hung on that Cross looking down on the crowds of people that were gathered there to watch Him die. They watched in disbelief because He had not done what they wanted Him to do - become King. People that He had blessed and healed turned their backs on Him, denying, mocking, and ridiculing Him.

Matthew 27:37-42 ***And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.*** Jesus Christ went to the cross and died for those people.

It saddens me when a lost person refuses to take a tract which contains the key to eternal life and a relationship with the Lord Who created all things and holds all things together past present and future. Can you imagine what Jesus Christ was thinking when the people He grew up with walked by Him making jokes and sarcastic remarks. I am bothered by the suffering that happens in this world but Jesus is grieved because of lost people. He was

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willing to do anything it took to save sinners. I cannot say that characterizes my life.

Jesus Christ, was continually afflicted by the hardness of the human heart. When He looked to Jerusalem, He said, Matthew 23:37 *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!* It has been a long time since most of God's people wept over a city. We don't feel what He felt. He was afflicted. He was afflicted by the pain and suffering caused by sin. Lazarus was a friend of Jesus. When Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus, He wept. It hurt Jesus' heart that Mary and Martha had lost their brother. It hurt Jesus that Lazarus was no longer alive on the earth to enjoy his family. He grieves over every death. People die every day, and it doesn't bother us. We did not know them. But Jesus knows them, and it bothers Him. Every single death is someone that Jesus Christ loved as much as you love your closest friend or your next of kin. Every death was an affliction to the heart of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ deserved better. He never complained, gripped or murmured. He gave sight to the blind, He gave hearing to the deaf, cleaned lepers, and raised the dead to life. The God that created the entire Universe, Who at any moment could have spoken us all into nothingness, instead hangs there in agony on that cruel cross and says Luke 23:34a *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.* Our little peanut brains cannot even begin to understand the amount of love He has for us.

1 Peter 2:19 *For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.* Has anybody ever exemplified that verse more than Jesus Christ? 1 Peter 2:20-24 *For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Isaiah 53:7 *He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth:* This doesn't mean he didn't preach, didn't say things, didn't pray. He didn't say anything in response to the oppression and the affliction. *he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.* That lamb is going to die in a slaughter house. Its blood is going to be poured out. And it doesn't know. So, it doesn't raise a complaint. But Jesus knew and never, never said a word about dying for your sins for my sins

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under the wrath of God at the hands of sinful man. Never a word of discontentment. That is really amazing. Mark 14:55-62 *And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.* Jesus is saying I'll give you truth. But if you want me to complain about being lied about, I'm not going to do it. If you want to know that I am the I AM, I will tell you I Am that I AM. But if you want me to whine because these hired perjured witnesses are trying to get me crucified, I have nothing to say about that. The average man or woman would be screaming in his or her defense, but there was nothing average about Jesus.

They just did not understand why this man did not defend himself. Pilate knew the charges were bogus. He urged Jesus to complain to the court.

Matthew 27:54 *Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.*

Every day, this centurion watched criminals being crucified. As they hung on the cross, they begged God one minute, and they cursed God the next minute. They blasphemed, they whined, they complained and they howled. Jesus hung there for hours not saying a word. Then the Bible says in Luke 23:34 *Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.* Mark 15:34 *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?* Matthew 27:50 *Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.* (I wonder what He said) Look what happen after He gave up the ghost Matthew 27:51-54 *And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.*

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Romans 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

He went to the cross silently because He wanted too, for you and me.

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with an answer in your own words.

1. Why did Jesus do what He did?

2. What could Jesus do to puny human beings if He decided to?

3. Name us three people in the Bible that directly disrespected Jesus, during His ministry on earth?
 - a. *

 - b. *

 - c. *

4. Define the following words from scripture.
 - a. Propitiation (1 John 2:2)

 - b. Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)

 - c. Daysman (Job 9:33)

5. Why was Jesus so hurt when Lazarus died? *

6. What should we do in retaliation when someone accuses us of something we did not do? *

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7. What is the definition of being oppressed?

8. Why is Jesus so grieved about lost people?

9. What do we need to do each day to prepare ourselves to live and walk like Jesus did?

10. Explain Romans 12:1-2 in light of what you have learned in this lesson?
(Use a separate piece of paper if necessary)

True/false

- We make-up for complaining by singing praises to Jesus at other times during the day.
- The centurion knew what he was talking about when he said *Truly this was the Son of God.*
- Our natural man is automatically rude to God.



Scripture memorization

1 Peter 2:20; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Write out these verses on the back on this page or on a separate piece of paper: (must be in KJV)

any questions?