

We Are Waiting
Waiting on the Servant
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Question: Why do we so often seek to shift blame to others? What does that suggest about how we seek to deal with our guilt?

I. The Servant's Exaltation and Suffering (53:13-52:3)

~ We esteemed him not.

II. The Servant - Our Sin Bearer (53:4-6)

~ He was not merely suffering with us, but for us.

III. The Servant's Voluntary and Undeserved Death (53:7-9)

~ Why would he do this?

IV. The Servant Makes Many Righteous (53:10-12)

~ How could God love us like this?

Points to Ponder: God through his prophet Isaiah invites us to "Behold my servant." Advent is a great opportunity for us to behold - to look again at this one we know as Jesus. He is described as being pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities - all towards the end that he might make us righteous before God. Ask: Is that true of me? If so, marvel anew at why he would do this.

Next Week:

Next Sunday we will continue our Advent sermon series entitled *We Are Waiting* by considering **Ezekiel 34:11-31**: 'Waiting on the Shepherd.'

