

Lesson 25: Isaiah 53

Lesson Introduction

In this lesson we will finish our study of Isaiah Chapter 53. We will continue to see prophecies concerning the Messiah that were made hundreds of years before Christ. These prophecies were later fulfilled completely by Jesus Christ. As we conclude our study of Isaiah 53, you will be able to see why so many Jewish people believe that this chapter was added to the Bible after the fact.

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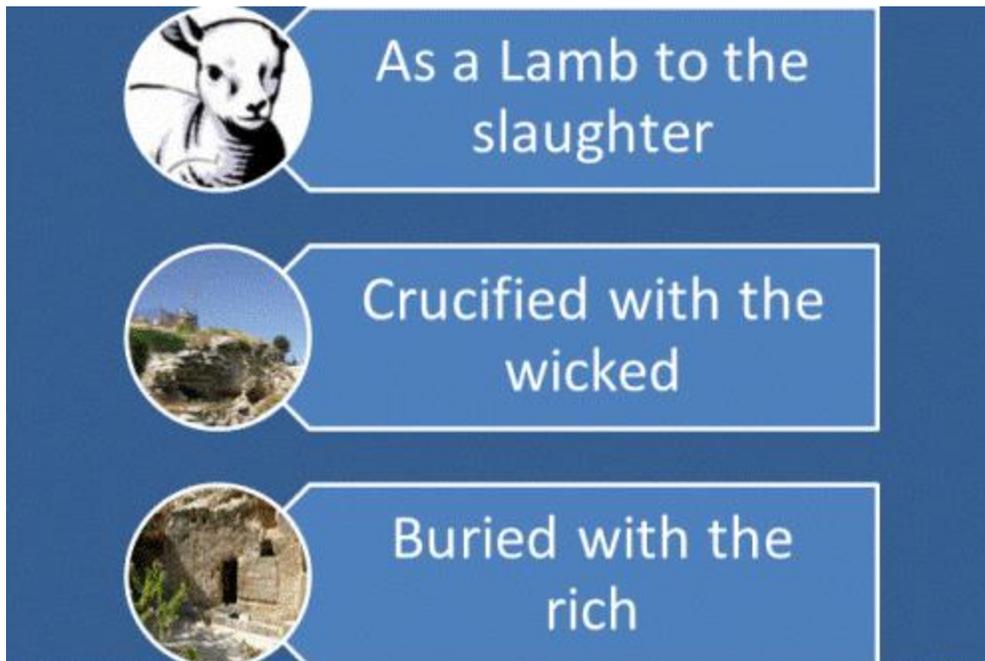
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Topic 1: Introduction



As a Lamb to the slaughter

Crucified with the wicked

Buried with the rich

In this lesson we will continue to take a look at Isaiah chapter 53. Not all Jewish Bibles have this chapter missing, but many do. In the minds of some Jews, this chapter describes Jesus too accurately to have been written beforehand. Yet as we have seen previously, there is much evidence to support the fact that Isaiah wrote

this hundreds of years before the time of Christ.

As we finish, make sure you take the time to really know and understand it. It will be invaluable to you in your witnessing; not just to a Jewish person, but to anyone who does not believe the Bible is the Word of God.

If you will remember, we were in Isaiah 53 as we were looking last week, and we're looking at the Jews. People ask me why do I believe the Bible to be the Word of God? The resurrection of Christ and the Jewish people. Of course, there's many, many other reasons, but that's the two strongest reasons that I believe the Bible to be the Word of God, is the Jews and the resurrection of Jesus Christ—irrefutable, irrefutable. And all a person has to do is open up their eyes, and they can see it. I have no doubt, no question, none whatsoever. I'm not saying I'm always perfect in faith, cause I'm not—but I'll tell you, when it comes to Jesus Christ being what He said He was, I have no doubt. But when we look at things like this, it just kind of builds us up a little bit, kind of helps us a little bit. But Isaiah 53—oh I tell you, there's nothing like it. Isaiah 53 is the Christian's proof that Jesus is Who He said He was. Isaiah 53 is something we ought to cherish, put neon lights around it—whatever—man it is the most incredible book in the Bible, chapter, when it comes to proof of the Bible. No wonder the Jews take it out of the Bible. No wonder they have Isaiah 52 and Isaiah 54. Listen, I have seen it. I'm not saying it's in all the Jewish Bibles. I'm not making that. I'm just saying that many of the Jewish Bibles have Isaiah 52 and Isaiah 54. I have seen it with my very own eyes. Now I'm not saying all of them do. I'm just saying some of them have intentionally left out Isaiah 53. It's hard not to understand it. You know, and another thing—and I shared this last week, but I want you to understand it—is when you're dealing with Jewish people, read it to them and say, "What Bible did I read out of?" And they'll say, "That's your Bible." Say, "No, that's your Bible." It's called a little bit of a nice setup, you know? Because they'll say, "Oh, that came out of the New Testament. I don't believe that." Say, "No, it came out of your Bible."

QUESTION 1

Which passage is the Christian's proof that Jesus is who He said He was? _____

- A. Isaiah 7
- B. Isaiah 9
- C. Isaiah 53
- D. Isaiah 64

QUESTION 2

Jewish people will tell you that Isaiah 53 came out of the New Testament. *True or False?*

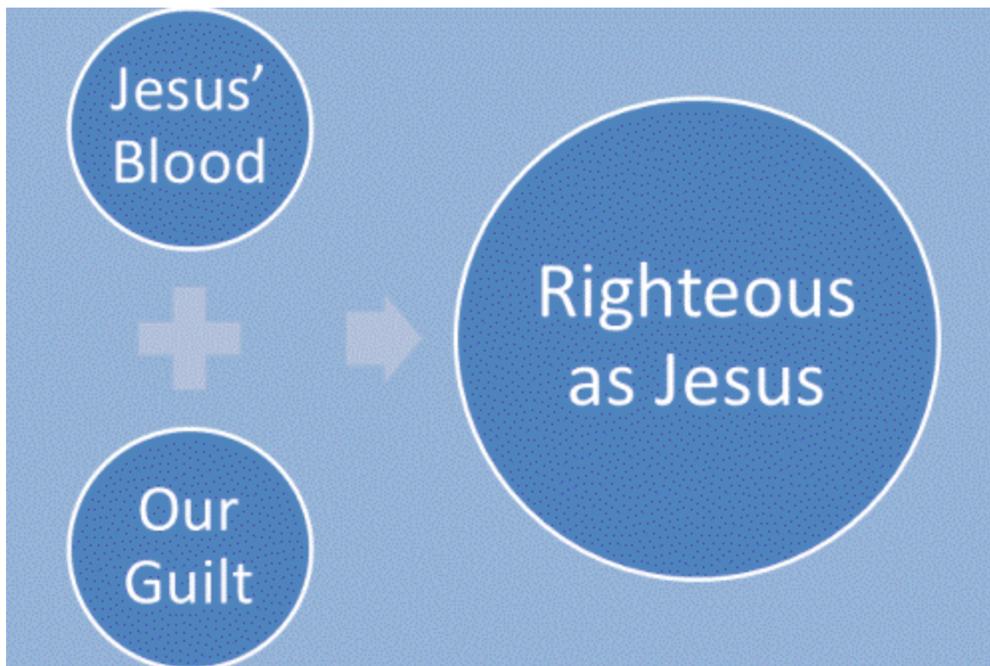
Answer: _____

QUESTION 3

2 of the strongest reasons to believe the Bible are _____. (*Select all that apply.*)

- A. Miracles
- B. The Bible itself
- C. The Jewish People
- D. Fulfilled Prophecy
- E. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Topic 2 Isaiah 53:5



Substitutionary atonement – 2 big words that should mean an awful lot to every Christian. Put simply, it means that Jesus, who knew no sin, literally became our sin for us, so that in God's sight, we could be as righteous as Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21). He took our place (substitution) and atoned for our sins.

This wonderful transaction was predicted hundreds of years before it took place. In this topic we will look at verse 5 of Isaiah 53, and see that it is described not once, but 4 times in this verse. Also, we will discuss whether or not physical healing is guaranteed in the atonement.

Isaiah 53:5—we covered up to four last week—"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Now this is in the Old Testament. I want us to be able to see this, and I want you to be able to see what it has to say here. How many times? Four times [in] this verse alone is it talking about His substitutionary death. Now, some people that are of the persuasion that this verse teaches that Jesus Christ guarantees physical healing on earth. First of all, what refutes that this verse does not guarantee that God will always physically heal your body? Some people take this verse and they say it's the guarantee. It says, "With his stripes we are healed," and that means if you truly believe in Jesus and you believe that you have no more—believe in His stripes—then you are healed, and you will have no more illness. What's the irrefutable evidence that that does not mean physical healing? What is it, irrefutable? What's the one thing that refutes that totally, without even arguing, without even discussion? Death. Everyone dies. If this was in, everyone that got saved would never die. It's irrefutable. I remember some of the faith healers: "If you had more faith. . ." and they die. They just keep dying. Another one dead, another one dead, another one dead. It doesn't mean that. Now it does mean, in another sense, we are healed spiritually; we are healed in eternity; we are healed. Once you trust Christ, you'll never die again. Why won't you die? Well, you'll leave this body, but you'll never leave Jesus. Death will be just kind of laying down and getting up in Heaven. That's all death is if you're saved. Now if you're not saved, then you're going to die twice. A Christian really, if you call death leaving the body, a Christian dies once. If you're born twice, you die once. If you're born once, you die twice, because you die and you leave your body, and then you die and you're cast into the lake of fire, and you're out of the presence of God for ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever. 1 Peter 2:24, it says, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, be dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." It's talking about spiritual healing, isn't it? What if Peter was saying all of you are already healed? Then why would they go around still healing people? If it was all guaranteed in the atonement, then the minute you got saved, everything would happen. No, it's not that. You are, though, healed spiritually and you're

healed till you'll be in Heaven. You can't be lost. We deserve to pay for our sins. Christ didn't deserve that cruel death on the cross, but because He loves us, He paid our sin debt.

QUESTION 4

In Isaiah 53:5, the substitutionary atonement is mentioned _____ times.

QUESTION 5

We can use this verse to “claim” God’s promise of physical healing on this earth. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 6

What is the one irrefutable evidence that this verse does not guarantee physical healing? _____

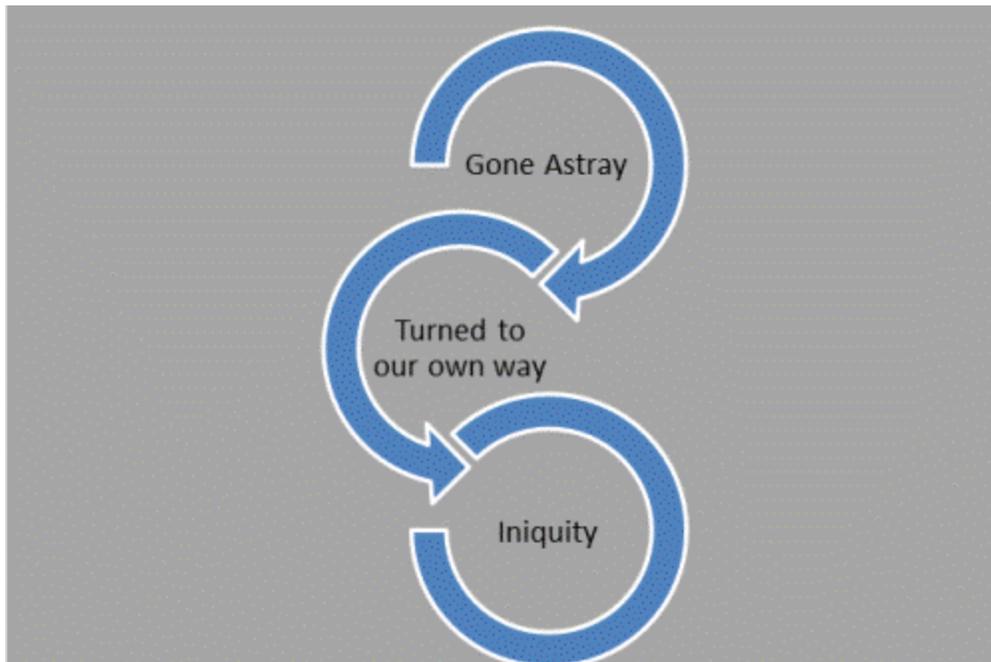
- A. Cancer
- B. West Nile Virus
- C. HIV
- D. Death

QUESTION 7

In 1 Peter 2:24, the Apostle Peter taught that we are guaranteed physical healing. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 3: Isaiah 53:6



In Matthew 18:12, Jesus talked about the shepherd who had a sheep go astray. He left the 99 other sheep to go and find the 1 that was lost. In this topic’s verse, Isaiah 53:6, we will see that all of us are like that 1 sheep. We’ve gone astray, we’ve wandered away.

Jesus willingly left His throne in

Heaven to come and bear our iniquity. We can try to turn to our "...own way...", but the end result of that is death (Proverbs 14:12). God put our sin upon Jesus, because we could never pay the debt we owed. In this topic we continue to look at this beautiful passage foretelling the work Messiah would do.

Let's look at Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord [hath] laid on him the iniquity of us all." Boy that verse, oh that verse is so incredible. This is saying that the main salvation verse in leading a Jewish person to the Lord is this. It's the main salvation verse. I would recommend learning the hand gesture in witnessing to a Jew, but instead of using 2 Corinthians 5:21, I would use Isaiah 53:6. And I think this would be an incredible help. The New Testament complements Isaiah 53:6, "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." Man, all we like sheep have gone astray. The Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. You know, the Jewish person today has no payment for sin? The Jewish person today has no way for sin to be paid. They don't have their sacrifices. Now we believe we're going to see the Jews shortly have their sacrifices. We believe we're seeing things happening so quick now, but they don't have a sacrifice right now. Hosea 3:4, "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without [an] ephod, and without teraphim". Isn't that something? It says they'll be many days without a sacrifice. They don't have any way. If you can explain Isaiah 53, you have a lot easier way of winning a Jewish person to Christ. See, it was halted in 70 A.D. when Titus came in and destroyed the temple. Of course, the real reason is that Jesus Christ made the sacrifice of Himself once and for all. And if He made it once and for all, we don't have to. You can sometimes read Hebrews chapter 9 and chapter 10, but they don't have a sacrifice. Jewish people are without a sacrifice. What a tragic thing that is. Many days they have no hope.

Assignment:

Memorize Isaiah 53:5-6

QUESTION 8

Which should be the main salvation verse in leading a Jewish person to Christ? _____

- A. Isaiah 7:14
- B. Isaiah 53:6
- C. Micah 5:2
- D. 2 Corinthians 5:21

QUESTION 9

Today, the Jew has several options to choose from to have his sins paid for. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 10

Hosea 3:4 tells us that the Jews will be many days without a sacrifice. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 11

It is easiest and best to attempt to win a Jew to Christ without explaining Isaiah 53. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 4: Isaiah 53:7-8



As a lamb,
silent before
His accusers

When sheep are led into a slaughterhouse, they go quietly. They have no clue as to what's about to happen. In this topic's verse, we will see that it was prophesied that Messiah would not open his mouth to answer his accusers.

Matthew 27:11-14 describes Jesus' appearance before Pilate. In that

passage, we see that Jesus would not answer the accusations against Him, so much that Pilate was astounded. He was the Lamb of God, being led to the slaughter, to purchase our redemption.

Let's look at Isaiah 53:7 and 8, "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." Then eight, Isaiah 53:8, "He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken." Do you see the power that's right there? He was cut off out of the land of the living. He was killed. The Messiah was going to die. See, many Jewish people do not realize that there were two comings of the Messiah. He was going to be cut off instead of set up the Davidic kingdom, the kingdom of David. He was going to be cut off. I want you to be able to see that. The first coming of Christ is humble, the second coming of Christ is not going to be so humble. You see the world doesn't understand it. The world missed it. Let's look at Matthew 24:30, "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Boy I tell you, when He comes, they're going to see Him. They're going to mourn because they could have had all the blessings, but they didn't. He was cut off, but it was prophesied that He was cut off, do you see it, dear people? I'm sure you see it. What proof of the Bible! Wouldn't you hate to go to bed at night if you are a skeptic? Hearing what I'm saying tonight, [and] what I'm going to say next Sunday night? Wouldn't that kind of make you uneasy?

QUESTION 12

Most Jews did not understand that Messiah was going to die. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 13

Many Jews do not realize that there are _____ comings of the Messiah

- A. Unfulfilled
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Several

QUESTION 14

When the Jews see Jesus return the second time, they will rejoice to see their Messiah. *True or False?*

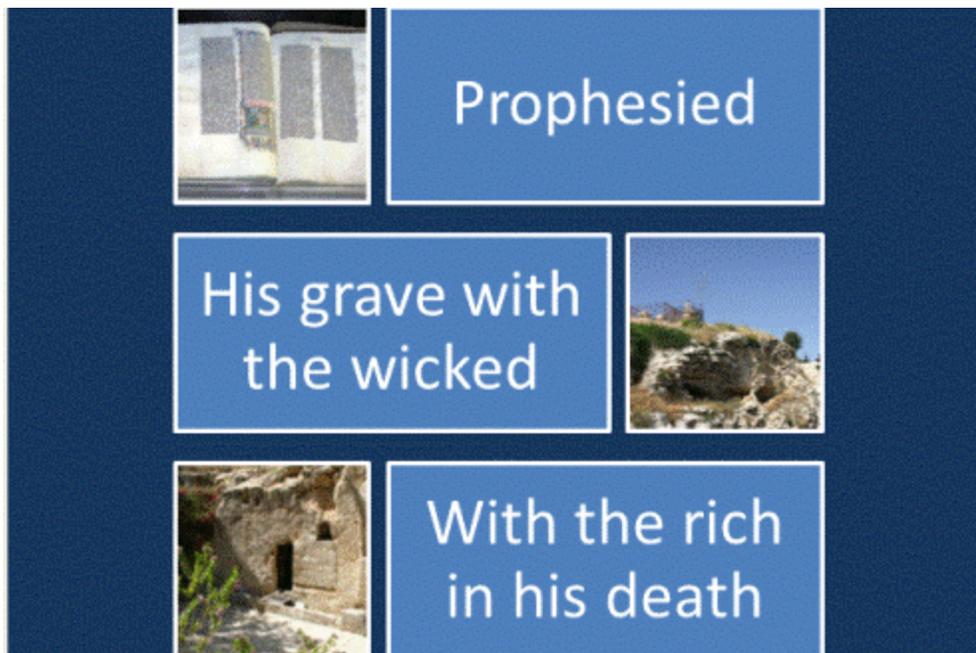
Answer: _____

QUESTION 15

The first time Messiah came, He was _____.

Answer: _____

Topic 5: Isaiah 53:9-10



So often, critics and doubters will say that Jesus purposely fulfilled the prophecies surrounding the Messiah, so he could be thought of as Messiah. While there are some that a person could try to fulfill on purpose, there are many prophecies that a human being cannot control, such as his parents lineage and his

place of birth.

In this topic we will see 2 more such prophecies that Jesus would have had no control over. The first is being crucified between 2 thieves (“grave with the wicked”), and the second is being buried in a rich man’s tomb (“with the rich in his death”).

Let's look at Isaiah 53:9. "And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in [his] death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." Isaiah 53:10, "Yet it pleased the Lord"—this is the resurrection—"it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days"—that's the

resurrection—"and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." He will prolong His days. Now you can see why the Jewish people would want to take this out of their Bible. Not the Jewish people, excuse me, but the hierarchy. Because I tell you, it wouldn't take a first grader to read it and say, "Hey, that's Jesus. Why did you kill him?" Now remember, the Jews didn't kill Him any more than we killed Him; we all killed Jesus. You've got to be so careful because the Jewish people think that we all think they're Christ-killers. They are not Christ-killers. Christ gave His own life, and we, along with them, killed Christ. And if you had been the only sinner, you're only sin would have killed Christ. He died for sin. I want you to see that. I want you to see the tremendous things that we see here, the things that we see with this.

Assignment:

Memorize Isaiah 53:10

QUESTION 16

Isaiah 53:9 discusses Christ's: Answer: _____ (*Select all that apply.*)

- A. Birth
- B. Death
- C. Burial
- D. Resurrection

QUESTION 17

"He shall prolong his days..." is talking about the _____.

QUESTION 18

Most Jewish people assume the rest of the world views them as "Christ-killers." *True or False?*

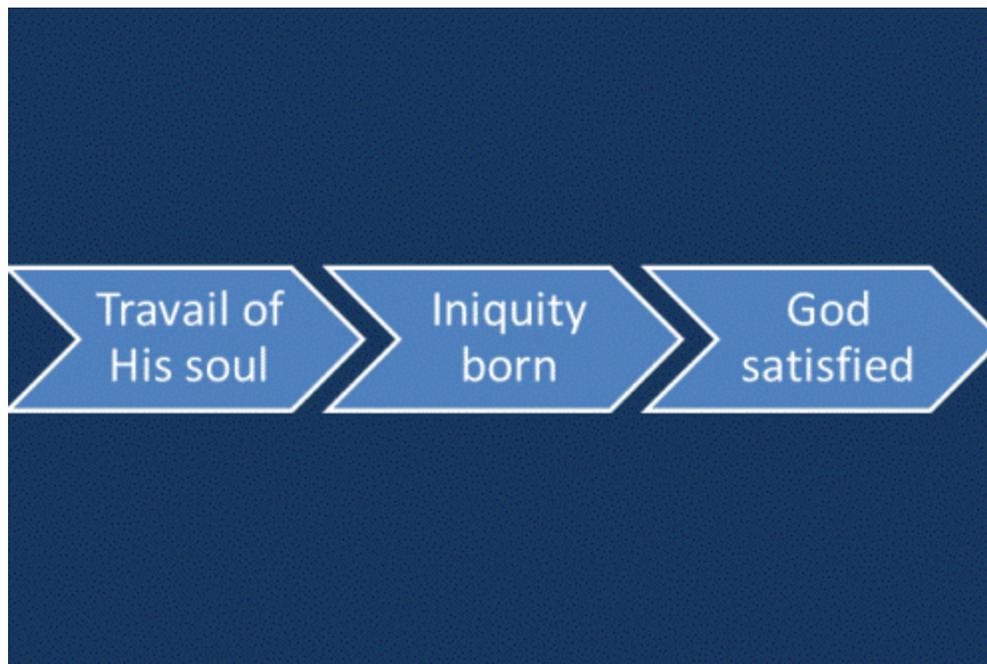
Answer: _____

QUESTION 19

The Romans and the Jews share a combined guilt for taking the Life of Christ. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 6: Isaiah 53:11



Modern “scholars” have tried to argue that Isaiah 53 was “misinterpreted” by the New Testament writers, and that they invented “facts” about Jesus to make it match up with Isaiah 53. What they fail to mention, is that other writers who were contemporaries of the Apostles give details about Jesus as well.

Another historical

record comes from the major “superpower” of Jesus’ day: Rome. The Roman government had record of Jesus’ birth, and as the governing power, had record of his trial, execution, and burial.

The problem that modern “scholars” face is that this passage can refer to no one but Jesus. It is impossible to apply this to a nation as a whole. Again we find that those who refuse to believe God’s Word, do so in the face of great evidence.

Let's look at Isaiah 53:11, "He shall see [of] the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for [he] shall bear their iniquities." My goodness! Man, you talk about proof of the Bible, what an incredible thing! We know Romans 6:23, ". . . The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 4:25, "[Who] was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." I want you to be able to see it. I want you to see this next one in Daniel 9:26 because the temple had to be destroyed. Daniel 9:26, "After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off" –remember “cut off” again—“but not for himself:”—okay, not for Himself Messiah [would] be cut off, why? Because of the sins of the people. "And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." That word, “flood” doesn't mean water; it means sudden destruction. It says the Messiah will be cut off, and then the temple will be destroyed. They know the temple has been destroyed. The Messiah had to come before the temple was destroyed, right? Then you ask them, “Who else in all of history could it have been?” One time I had a dear Jewish person say, “Well, I'm sure it wasn't Jesus. It was probably someone who came, the world never knew about them and left.” Who else could it have been? This is one of the strongest verses proving that Messiah, that God spoke about already, has been here. Because in this verse the Messiah will be cut off and after He is cut off, Jerusalem and the temple will be destroyed. No one will argue the common knowledge that this was done in 70 A.D. No one will argue that at all. Now Zechariah 12:10, "[And] I will pour upon the house of David, [and] upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look [upon] me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for [his] only son . . .". Zechariah 12:10 They will look upon Me Whom they have, what? Pierced. That whole chapter, by the way, is the burden of the Word of the Lord for Israel. And the Lord is speaking throughout. God is saying that in the latter times, people will look upon Him Whom they've

pierced, and this can only be referring to the Son, Jesus Christ. Proverbs 30:4, "Who [hath] ascended up into heaven, [or] descended? who [hath] gathered the wind in his fists? who [hath] bound the waters in a garment? who [hath] established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?" Boy I tell you, the proof that Jesus was the Messiah is written all through the Bible. So many times, people don't listen. God has a Son. His name is Emmanuel. That means "God dwelling with us". His name is Jesus, which means "God Who saves and keeps". Psalms 2:7 and 8, it says, "I will declare the decree: the Lord [hath] said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." Psalm 2:8, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." I want us to be able to see it, [to] see the difference.

Assignment:

Memorize Zechariah 12:10

QUESTION 20

The bearing of iniquity predicted in Isaiah 53:11 was shown to be fulfilled in _____. (Select all that apply.)

- A. Romans 1:16
- B. Romans 4:25
- C. Romans 6:23
- D. Romans 8:39

QUESTION 21

It would have been possible for the temple to have been destroyed before Jesus died. *True or False?*

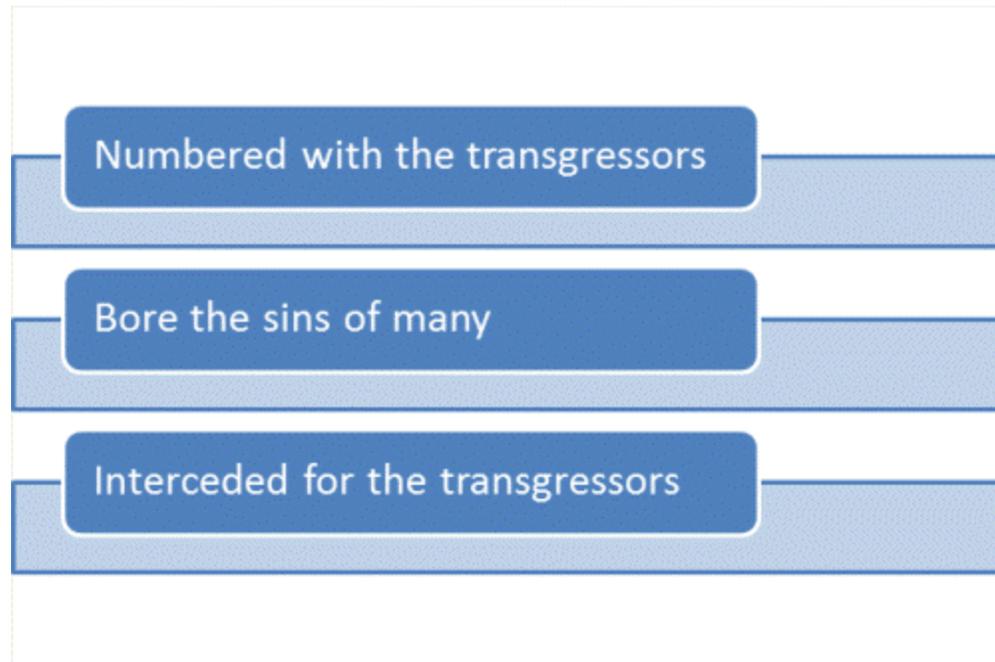
Answer: _____

QUESTION 22

The question of whether or not Jesus was God is one that is open to some debate. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

Topic 7: Isaiah 53:12



As we have seen throughout our lessons, it is so important to have favorable attention when witnessing. Nowhere is this more important than when witnessing to a Jewish person. You must have built up a rapport with them; then they will be more apt to listen to you.

Isaiah 53:12, I want to finish that one with you, but:

"Therefore [will] I divide him a portion with the great, and [he] shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he [hath] poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Throughout your witnessing, bear in mind the suggestion given at the beginning to insert these comments. Make sure you have a rapport. Using the term, "Messiah" is much better than using the term, "Jesus" to win these Jews to Christ. And show them that you can prove to anybody that the Bible is the Word of God by just this. If you don't have faith in the truth, there's no faith.

QUESTION 24

When witnessing to a Jew, it's different so throw out everything you know about favorable attention. *True or False?*

Answer: _____

QUESTION 25

It is better to use the term "Messiah" rather than "Jesus" when attempting to win a Jew to Christ. *True or False?* Answer: _____

LESSON 25 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

- C. Isaiah 53 [The other passages listed all contain prophecies, but Isaiah 53 is something we ought to cherish.]

QUESTION 2: True [You can tell them that it came from their Bible.]

QUESTION 3

- C. The Jewish People
E. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

QUESTION 4: Four

QUESTION 5: False [It is talking about a spiritual healing.]

QUESTION 6

- D. Death [While the other choices could also be used to refute, only 2 people have ever not died (Enoch and Elijah; the Lord took them to Heaven.)]

QUESTION 7: False [If that were true, the Apostles would not have had to go around healing people.]

QUESTION 8

- B. Isaiah 53:6 [All are great verses to use, but this verse can have the same impact on a Jew that 2 Corinthians 5:21 can have on a Gentile, because it's from the Old Testament.]

QUESTION 9: False [Because they have no sacrificial system (which we know would not pay for sin anyway), the only option a Jew has is the blood of Jesus Christ.]

QUESTION 10: True [It is just one of many prophetic verses that have been fulfilled.]

QUESTION 11: False [It could be done, but the majority of Jews will be more accepting of Scripture from the Old Testament.]

QUESTION 12: True [They did not, even though it was predicted here in this passage.]

QUESTION 13

- B. Two

QUESTION 14: False [Matthew 24:30 says they will mourn.]

QUESTION 15: Humble

QUESTION 16

- B. Death
C. Burial
D. Resurrection

QUESTION 17: Resurrection

QUESTION 18: True [We must make sure we are careful to point out that all our sin put Jesus on the cross, and they are no more guilty than the rest.]

QUESTION 19: False [Jesus said that He laid down His life, no man took it from Him.]

QUESTION 20

- B. Romans 4:25
C. Romans 6:23

QUESTION 21: False [Daniel 9 tells that Messiah must be cut off, then the temple destroyed.]

QUESTION 23: False [There is too much irrefutable evidence in the Bible for it to even be a question.]

QUESTION 24: False [Witnessing to a Jew is a time when you want the most favorable attention.]

QUESTION 25: True [They will be much more open to what you have to say about Messiah.]