

“He is The Lamb”

Scripture: Isaiah 53:7-11, John 1:29-34, Exodus 12

1. The Suffering Lamb

“He was oppressed and afflicted” - Isaiah 53:7a NIV

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29 ESV

2. The Silent Lamb

“He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.” Isaiah 53:7b NIV

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’” 1 Peter 2:20-21 NIV

3. The Spotless Lamb

“though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.”

– Isaiah 53:9b NIV

Every voice – no matter either prophecy, follower or foe – confirmed what Isaiah wrote: spotless.

4. The Substitutionary Lamb

“for the transgression of my people he was punished.” – Isaiah 53:8b NIV

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.” – 1 Peter 3:18a NIV

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” – John 1:29 NIV

He took the judgement we deserved so we could be pardoned and accepted by God as righteous.

5. The Satisfactory Lamb

“After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied.”

– Isaiah 53:11a NIV

The Lamb is sufficient. Complete. Final. There is no other.

Communion:

Every time you eat this bread, you say “I believe His body was broken for me.”

Every time you drink this cup, you say “I believe His blood was shed for me.”

The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross

The gospels record 7 sayings of Jesus on the cross. On Good Friday we reflect on these remarkable & profound words from the heart of Jesus our Saviour.

FORGIVENESS

“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34)

We pray: Father, in your mercy you forgive us of our sins. As forgiven people, may we also practise forgiveness.

SALVATION

“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43)

We pray: as you remembered the thief, remember me and take me into your kingdom.

COMPASSION

“Woman, behold, your son” (John 19:26)

We pray: even in your suffering you cared for others; form within me this same compassion.

ALONENESS

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me” (Matthew 27:46)

We pray: Jesus, as you quoted Psalm 22 you signaled that what is happening is according to the scriptures. Help me also to trust you in times of suffering and trouble.

EXHAUSTION

“I thirst” (John 19:28)

We pray: we live in a thirsty and broken world – a world thirsty for purpose and loving community. You know all about it because of the cross and your days on the earth.

GRACE

“It is finished” (John 19:13)

We pray: the gospel is all about what God has done for us in Christ. It is not about our achievement but yours. Grace is the gift you offer us; may we receive it with gratitude.

HOPE

“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit” (Luke 23:46)

We pray: our future looks beyond this earth into eternity. I have hope because of Christ’s sacrifice.