



### ***“The Suffering Servant”***

Isaiah 52:13-53:9 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** - *Isaiah’s fourth Song of the Servant, describes the unexpected suffering of God’s Servant. From this song we learn some important things about what the cross of Christ means.*

#### ***I. See the Servant!***

- A. We are invited again to take a good, long look at God’s Servant.
  
- B. Paradoxically, He will prosper and be highly exalted, and also be completely shattered.
  
- C. The cross of Jesus was a display of the greatness of God’s glory.
  - 1. He will “prosper.”
  
  - 2. He will be “lifted up.”
  
  - 3. He will “sprinkle” many nations.

#### ***II. Believe the Message!***

- A. The counterintuitive message we are asked to believe –
  - 1. The Servant reveals the “arm of the Lord.”
  
  - 2. The Servant is very ordinary and unremarkable.
  
- B. This verse explains why people will have difficulty with the Messiah, and what is necessary to receive God’s salvation.
  
- C. The cross upsets our human expectations.

#### ***III. Receive His Love!***

- A. The message we are to believe and receive:
  - B. The third stanza is the heart and centerpiece of this song.
  
  - C. The Servant’s sacrifice was substitutionary.
  
  - D. The Servant’s sacrifice was voluntary and undeserved.

**Conclusion** - Five lessons from the cross of Christ:

1. How God works
2. God's ways
3. God's power
4. God's glory
5. The cross magnifies two things: