

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

CITY CENTER CHURCH

EACH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM VIA WEBEX

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

June 17, 2020
(week 12)

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

BACKGROUND

This passage is the last of four ‘servant songs’ in the Book of Isaiah (42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-7). Who is the ‘Suffering Servant’ of **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**? This is the same question asked by the Ethiopian Eunuch to Phillip in **Acts 8:32-35**. Phillip’s response at that time is sufficient for us today.

Two key elements to this discussion are: *predictive prophecy* and *efficacious suffering*. The suffering of the servant in Isaiah was *substitutionary* suffering. He suffered not for himself, but for others. This eliminates other possible candidates as the ‘Suffering Servant’.

Isaiah’s clear, prophetic description gives us even greater appreciation for all that Jesus accomplished for us, and His sacrifice in providing it.

OBSERVATIONS

QUESTIONS

1. Which of the descriptive phrases in this beautiful passage most captures your attention? Why?
2. Isaiah 53:3 states, “He was despised, and we considered Him insignificant.” What does that tell us about Jesus?
3. Reflect on the Foursquare doctrine of Divine Healing in the Atonement. Are you convinced of this doctrine?

NEXT WEEK

No study next week. This concludes our Bible Study until Fall.