"The Glorious Suffering Christ"

Friday, April 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI Pastor Jonathan DeCou Isaiah 52:13-53:12

BIG IDEA: The Death of Jesus Christ leads to His exaltation and our salvation.

"He was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds." Isaiah 53:5 (CSB)

- The <u>Startling</u> Servant. (52:13-15)
- The <u>Scorned</u> Servant. (53:1-3)
- The <u>Suffering</u> Servant. (52:4-6)
- The <u>Submissive</u> Servant. (53:7-9)
- The <u>Sovereign</u> Servant. (53:10-12)

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READ: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

THINK: Reflect on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, then ask yourself these questions: *In what circumstances might you consider giving up a body organ or even*

your life for another person? Who is "speaking" in the first stanza of the Servant Song (v13-15) and who is addressed? How would you describe the horrific agony of the Servant in these opening lines? What is meant by the statement, "See, my Servant will be successful; he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted"? In v1-3, why is the Servant scorned and ridiculed? What is the purpose of the Servant's suffering in v4-6? How do you explain the Servant's submissive silence in v7-9? Who is speaking in v10-12? How do you explain the apparent paradox that although the Servant "willingly submitted unto death" and was "cut off from the land of the living", "he will see light and be satisfied" and "be successful...raised and lifted up and greatly exalted"?

DO: Create a catalogue of statements regarding the Servan't suffering from the following verses: *v4, 5, 7a, 8b, 10a, 11, 12*. Explain how this passage answers the question, "How can unholy sinners be made right with a holy God so as to escape eternal hell and enter eternal Heaven?"