

***Sermon Title:* "THE SERVANT'S SIGNIFICANCE"**

Date: March 17, 2024 - Isaiah 53:4-6

Central Idea: The heart of the Gospel message is the innocent Servant dying as the sacrifice for the guilty sinner. Have you responded to the Gospel message?

Introduction: Isaiah's prophecy suddenly becomes personal. We are brought into the picture. If it had not been for us, there never would have been a place called Calvary. Here in these verses God very pointedly talks about us, using the pronouns "we," "us," and "our." On the other hand, it is all about Him. He is in the forefront of the picture. If it had not been for Him, there never would have been a place called Calvary. Read these verses and emphasize the personal pronouns "He" and "Him." It's all about Him!

I. The Reality of Christ's Sufferings, v. 4.

1. He bore our sins, v. 4a.
2. He was "afflicted," v. 4b, "humbled or degraded."

II. The Reason for Christ's Sufferings, v. 5.

1. "He was pierced" through—"wounded."
2. He was crushed because of our iniquities"—
"Perverseness, bent, crooked."
3. "Punishment for our peace."
4. "Healed by His wounds."

III. The Result of Christ's Sufferings, v. 6.

1. "Iniquity"
2. "Sheep"

Conclusion: Like sheep, we are born with a nature that prompts us to go astray; and like sheep, we foolishly decide to go our own way! Under the Law of Moses, the sheep died for the shepherd; but under grace, the Good Shepherd died for the sheep! (John 10:1-16)