

week four **4** //feb. 29 - march 5

"One day I asked him what brought about his conversion to Christ. He replied, "It was the example of my godly father." Then he told me he was one of four boys...their father used to gather them round his knee, while he read to them from the Bible and then prayed with them. On Sunday evenings he always read Isaiah 53. With a glow on his face he would start to read it. Then on reaching verse 4, 'Surely he hath borne our griefs,' or verse 5, "He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities," his voice would falter, his throat would become husky, the tears would begin to drip down his cheek, and he would have to say in broken syllables, "I'm sorry, boys, I canna' go on; it's too upsettin' - that such a dear, divine Savior should suffer for us sinners . . . like *that!*"

My friend added, "Sometimes my dad would struggle on a bit, but I never once knew him to get right through Isaiah 53. Even if he managed to get beyond verses 5 and 6, he never got beyond verse 7 - 'He is led *as a lamb to the slaughter.*' It broke him down to think that the Son of God should suffer for us 'like that.' "

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*From The Master Theme of the Bible*

**monday//02.29.16**

**a.m.** Isaiah 50:1-11 **p.m.** Matt. 27:11-31

...Jesus on trial.

**tuesday//03.01.16**

**a.m.** Isaiah 51:1-23 **p.m.** Romans 8:31-34

...God did not spare his own Son.

**wednesday//03.02.16**

**a.m.** Isaiah 52:1-12 **p.m.** Revelation 19:1-9

...the wedding supper of the Lamb.

**thursday//03.03.16**

**a.m.** Isaiah 52:13-53:6 **p.m.** Ephesians 1:15-23

...God's power raised Jesus.

**friday//03.04.16**

**a.m.** Isaiah 53:7-12 **p.m.** 1 Peter 2:22-25

...Jesus did not retaliate.

**saturday//03.05.16**

**a.m.** Isaiah 54:1-17 **p.m.** 2 Corinth. 5:16-21

...God reconciled us to himself.

**sunday//**

Romans 5:12-21 // The Gift of Grace