CHRIST AS SACRIFICE



THE SUFFERING SERVANT

- Because of His suffering, Jesus was disfigured to the point that He would not look human (Mark 14:65; 15:15,19; cf. Isaiah 52:14).
- Jesus was pierced, crushed, and punished in our place for our sin, and we are healed by His wounds (Mark 15:12-20; cf. Isaiah 53:5-6,8).
- Jesus was unjustly oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth in His own defense (Mark 14:60-61; 15:2-5; cf. Isaiah 53:7).
- Jesus was innocent but punished with the wicked, and yet, He was buried in a rich man's tomb (Matthew 27:22-26,38,57-60; cf. Isaiah 53:9,12).
- Jesus was made to be a guilt offering to accomplish God's will and to justify many (Mark 15:37-39; cf. Isaiah 53:10-12).
- Jesus interceded for those who were crucifying Him (Luke 23:34; cf. Isaiah 53:12).

THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH

- Jesus cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (Mark 15:34; cf. Psalm 22:1).
- People mocked Jesus, shook their heads, and taunted Jesus to save Himself or to be rescued by God (Matthew 27:39-44; Mark 15:29-32; cf. Psalm 22:7-8).
- Jesus was crucified, pierced through His hands and feet (Mark 15:24; cf. Psalm 22:16; John 20:25,27).
- Soldiers divided Jesus's garments and cast lots for His clothing (Mark 15:24; cf. Psalm 22:18).
- Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a tomb (Mark 15:37-47; cf. Psalm 22:15).



THE ONCE-FOR-ALL SACRIFICE



- Sacrifices cannot perfect the worshiper's conscience, but Jesus's blood cleanses us from an evil conscience to approach and serve the living God (Hebrews 9:9,14; 10:22).
- Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin; Jesus offered Himself as the once-for-all sacrifice to bear and remove the sins of many (Hebrews 9:22,26-28).
- Sacrifices were offered year after year because they could not perfect the worshipers or take away sins, but the perfect sacrifice of Jesus once for all time forgives, sanctifies, and perfects the worshiper (Hebrews 10:1-18).
- The temple curtain separated holy God from sinful humanity, but Jesus's blood opens the way to God through Jesus's flesh, which was crucified to cleanse us of our sin (Hebrews 10:19-22).