THE ETHIOPIAN'S ENCOUNTER

GOD'S SUFFERING SERVANT (ISAIAH 52:13–53:12)	JESUS CHRIST, THE SUFFERING SERVANT
The Servant would be successful in His mission, raised up and exalted (Isaiah 52:13).	Jesus was raised up on a cross, then raised from the dead, and exalted to God's right hand (Luke 23:33–24:53).
The Servant would look like any other man, average and unimpressive (53:2), though He would become disfigured in the pursuit of His mission (52:14), despised and rejected by people (53:3).	Jesus was not impressive like King Saul (1 Samuel 9:2) nor handsome like King David (16:12); He was hated and rejected without cause by the people He came to save (John 1:10-11; 8:37; 15:18,20-25); He was beaten, flogged, and crucified (Mark 14:65; 15:15).
The Servant would carry the sickness and pains of His people, but they would consider Him cursed by God (53:4).	Jesus healed many (Matthew 8:14-17), yet the Jews believed He was cursed by God (Luke 23:35; Galatians 3:13).
The Servant would be pierced, crushed, and punished to pay for the sins we committed (53:5-6).	Jesus was beaten and nailed to a cross to pay the penalty for our sin (Matthew 20:28; 26:26-28; 27:31-54).
The Servant would be oppressed but remain silent before His oppressors (53:7).	Jesus did not answer His accusers at His unjust trial (Matthew 26:62-63; 27:12-14; Luke 23:9; John 19:9).
The Servant would be killed because of the rebellion of the people (53:8).	Pilate recognized Jesus was an innocent man, but the Jews insisted upon crucifying Him (Matthew 27:15-26).
The Servant would be killed among the wicked but buried among the rich (53:9).	Jesus was crucified between two criminals (Matthew 27:38) but placed in the tomb of a rich man (27:57-60).
The Lord would be pleased to crush the Servant and make Him a guilt offering (53:10).	Though human beings were guilty for Jesus's death, it was God's will and plan of redemption from the beginning for Jesus to die for the sins of the world (Matthew 26:36-46; Acts 2:22-24).
After his anguish, the Servant would have His days prolonged and "see light" and justify many (53:10-11).	Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day so that the gospel can go to all nations (Luke 24:44-47); anyone who believes the gospel will be saved (Acts 2:37-41; 4:10-12).
The Servant will be rewarded because of His obedience unto death in bearing the sins of many and interceding for the rebels (53:12).	Even on the cross, Jesus interceded for the people killing Him (Luke 23:34); Jesus has ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, interceding for all sinners who repent and believe in Him (Acts 2:32-41; Hebrews 7:25).

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