

The Price for You

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Psalm 22:1, 6-7, 14-18 ¹My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning? ⁶But I am a worm, and no man; I am the scorn of men, and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me laugh at me and mock me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, ¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax; it is softened [with anguish] and melted down within me. ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a fragment of clay pottery; [with thirst] my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and You have brought me into the dust of death. ¹⁶For [like a pack of] dogs they have en-



compassed me; a company of evildoers has encircled me, they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷I can count all my bones; [the evildoers] gaze at me. ¹⁸They part my clothing among them and cast lots for my raiment.



Isaiah 53:1-12 ¹Who has believed (trusted in, relied upon, and clung to) our message [of that which was revealed to us]? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been disclosed? ²For [the Servant of God] grew up before Him like a tender plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He has no form or comeliness [royal, kingly pomp], that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him. ⁴Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, [yet when] He was afflicted, He was submissive and opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who among them considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living [stricken to His death] for the transgression of my [Isaiah's] people, to whom the stroke was due? ⁹And they assigned Him a grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief and made Him sick. When You and He make His life an offering for sin [and He has risen from the dead, in time to come], He shall see His [spiritual] offspring, He shall prolong His days, and the will and pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see [the fruit] of the travail of His soul and be satisfied; by His knowledge of Himself [which He possesses and imparts to others] shall My [uncompromisingly] righteous One, My Servant, justify many and make many righteous (upright and in right standing with God), for He shall bear their iniquities and their guilt [with the consequences, says the Lord]. ¹²Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great [kings and rulers], and He shall divide the spoil with the mighty, because He poured out His life unto death, and [He let Himself] be regarded as a criminal and be numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore [and took away] the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors (the rebellious).



When was the last time you considered the price Jesus paid to rescue and redeem you back to The Father? Chances are it has been a long time. It is something most believers not only don't want to dwell upon; but, would prefer to erase it from their memory. I've encountered believers who refuse to watch Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion, because it is too gory. As gory as it is, it doesn't come close to the Scriptures depiction of what Jesus went through for us. Isaiah 52:14 tells us that Messiah's was his "appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being." CSB This paints a pretty grim



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In Season Three of *The Chosen*, Jesus and the apostles feel the stress of their growing ministry, face greater resistance from Jewish and Roman authorities and deal with greater conflict between themselves, all threatening to undermine Jesus' ministry. In the two-part season finale, Jesus has to go with his disciples to avert riots and displacement caused by his message and minister to Peter, who resents Jesus for disappointing him. This season portrays famous miracles like Jarius' daughter and the healing of the woman with the issue of blood from Mark 5:21-43. One famous story between Peter and Jesus is presented as the emotional climax of the season, and it's a must see. The best episode of the season is easily the third episode, "Physician, Heal Thyself," taken from Mark 6:1-6. It features the most intense confrontation yet between Jesus and the religious leaders against the backdrop of curious hometown friends and family. "The Chosen" is a project that in many ways serves as a modern Christian ministry. The fact that it's telling biblical stories for audiences with the quality that the audience deserves is thrilling. This entire series presents Jesus in a realistic and relatable way. It is not only enjoyable but highly recommended.

