

It Was the Lord's Will to Crush Him

Some Bible verses are disturbing. And Isaiah 53:10 is one of those: *Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.* If we stopped there, we would have plenty of unanswered questions. But this passage where we find this statement is without a doubt the most remarkable prediction in all Scripture about the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To get a better understanding of this prediction, I will see what it says about. . .

1. Our unbelievable _____.

Who has believed our message? (Isaiah 53:1)

1) This unbelievable Savior is _____.

There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. (Isaiah 53:2, NLT)

Matthew 1:23, NLT

2) This unbelievable Savior is _____.

He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. (Isaiah 53:2, NLT)

Mark 15:19,20, NLT

Philippians 2:6-8, NLT

3) This unbelievable Savior is _____.

A sign was fastened above Jesus' head. . . It read: "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." (Matthew 27:37, NLT)

Revelation 1:7,8, NLT

2. His unimaginable _____.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5, NLT)

1) His punishment brought us _____.

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. (Romans 5:1, NLT)

2) His wounds brought us _____.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. (Philippians 1:6, NLT)

Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault. (Jude 24)

3. God's unthinkable _____.

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer (Isaiah 53:10, NLT)

1) The crushing of Christ was planned _____.

2 Timothy 1:9, NLT

1 Peter 1:20, NLT

Revelation 13:8, NLT

2) The crushing of Christ was achieved by divine foreknowledge and human _____.

But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. (Acts 2:23, NLT)

3) The crushing of Christ was designed to _____.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. (1 John 3:18)

- That means breaking his grip on _____.
(Hebrews 2:14-15)

- That means destroying his impact on _____.
(Romans 8:21)

4) The crushing of Christ was intended to display _____.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8, NLT)

4. The unparalleled _____.

10 . . . though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. 11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied. . . (Isaiah 53:10,11, NLT)

. . . death could not keep him in its grip. (Acts 2:24, NLT)

About 700 years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Isaiah makes an amazing prediction about the Person and Work of Christ. He tells us about our unbelievable Savior, his unimaginable sacrifice, God's unthinkable plan, and the unparalleled result. Only one response makes any sense considering all this to unconditionally surrender your life to Jesus Christ, making him your Lord and Savior. Will you?