



...with His stripes we are healed Isaiah 53:4-6

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Read Matthew 26:20-30.

1. What might it have been like for you to be there in the upper room with Jesus? To share that meal together?
2. Which disciple do you identify with? Why?
3. What does it mean to “betray” Jesus?
4. How would you respond to Jesus’ declaration, *“One of you will betray me.”*
5. How does Jesus act (What does He say? What appears to be His attitude? What are His actions?) even knowing who will betray Him and how, and what that betrayal will mean to Him?
6. Is there anything in Jesus’ actions that stand out to you? That surprises you? That might encourage you?
7. How do Jesus’ words and actions reveal His divinity? What do they show us about God?

Read Isaiah 53:4-6.

8. Taking each verse one by one, how would you put these verses in your own words?
9. Are there any parts of this vision that particularly stand out to you? That are especially meaningful to you? That are encouraging to you?
10. These verses are at the very heart of the gospel, the good news. Jesus took our place. As Peter puts it, *“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed”* (1 Peter 2:24).
11. Why do you think it is that we can only learn to love our Lord when we have seen His suffering on our behalf?
12. And, even seeing His excruciating agony on our behalf, why is it so hard to obey God’s commandment to love God with everything we are (Deuteronomy 6:5)?
13. Verse 6 begins and ends with the word “all” - which includes us. How might seeing yourself in the words of Isaiah influence you in the days ahead (i.e. during Holy Week)? What might you do to help gain a deeper understanding of what God has done for you in Jesus? How might you respond to what God has done for you in Jesus?