

## 3 Days that Changed the World (Day 1: It Wasn't His Cross)

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Isa 53:4-6

4 Surely he took up **our infirmities** and carried **our sorrows**, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for **our transgressions**, he was crushed for **our iniquities**; the punishment that brought **us peace** was upon him, and by his wounds **we are healed**. 6 **We** all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of **us has turned** to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the **iniquity of us all**.

### 1. THE CROSS WASN'T A CHANCE OCCURRENCE... GOD PLANNED IT IN ADVANCE FOR YOU (AND ME)

Isa 53:4-6

John 10:11; 18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

Matt 20:17-19

17 Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, 18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"

Mark 14:32-36

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." 35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

### 2. JESUS CARRIED HIS CROSS... AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU CARRY YOURS

Matt 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

### 3. JESUS DIDN'T SAVE HIMSELF... BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SAVE YOU

It wasn't the nails that bound Christ to the cross...

It was His love for you (and me).

Heb 12:1-2

1... Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Rom 3:21-25

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

### 4. JESUS EXPERIENCED SEPARATION FROM GOD... SO YOU COULD BE RECONCILED TO GOD

Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

so that you will never have to cry those words.

2 Cor 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to

himself through Christ ... 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**CONCLUSION:**

Isa 53:5

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

THROUGH HIS WOUNDS  
WE EXPERIENCE THE HEALING OF OUR WOUNDS.

IT WASN'T HIS CROSS... IT WAS YOURS (AND MINE)!

AND HE FOUND YOU WORTH IT!!