

INVESTIGATING JESUS

PART 3

Session 3 - The Solution

What did you notice, have questions about or appreciate from your reading of John 8-14?

What would be the best thing anyone could do for you? (Maybe think back to what our greatest problem is that we discussed last time)

Who would be fit to do it?

This Bible reading was written about 700 years before Jesus lived but describes what he was going to do in perfect detail. God was preparing people for the coming of 'his servant' who would solve the problem of sin.

Isaiah 53:2-10

2

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

3

He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his stripes we are healed.

6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

8

By oppression and judgement he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

9

And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

1. Again what strikes you from these verses? What do you want to know more about?

2. We sometimes have a romantic idea about who Jesus was, how does v1-4 challenge that?

3. How does v6 describe our sin problem?

4. In v7-9, what did Jesus come to do?

5. Was Jesus successful in his mission? (v5)

6. What was the people's role in Jesus mission?

7. Who was in charge of this dreadful scene? (v10)

8. How would you describe the effect of Jesus death for his people?

Before you arrange session 4 Read John chapters 15-21