

THE  
SILENT  
SAVIOR

ISAIAH 55:7

## **Isaiah 53:7**

**He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.**

# Introduction

- A. Isaiah continues developing the details of redemption**
  - 1. The Man of sorrows, the despised one (v 3)**
  - 2. The smitten Redeemer carrying our sorrows (v 4)**
  - 3. The wounded One who brings us peace (v 5)**
  - 4. The One who carries the sins of the straying sheep (v 6)**

# **Introduction**

## **B. The character of Christ**

**1. His discipline under oppression**

**2. His determination under the pressure of the cross**

**Isaiah 50:7**

**For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.**

## **C. The silence of Christ proclaims His strength**

**Psalm 27:14**

**Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.**

# I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed

A. He was arrested though innocent

Matthew 26:56

But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?



# I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed

B. He was falsely accused but held His peace

Matthew 26:60

But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,



# I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed

B. He was falsely accused but held His peace

Matthew 26:63

But Jesus held his peace, And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.



# I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed

## C. He was silent when His followers failed Him

### 1. They forsook Him and fled

#### Matthew 26:56

But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.





# **I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed**

**C. He was silent when His followers failed Him**

**2. Peter denied Him three times**

**Matthew 26:74-75**

**74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.**

**75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.**



# **I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed**

**D. Peter's later description of the silent Savior**

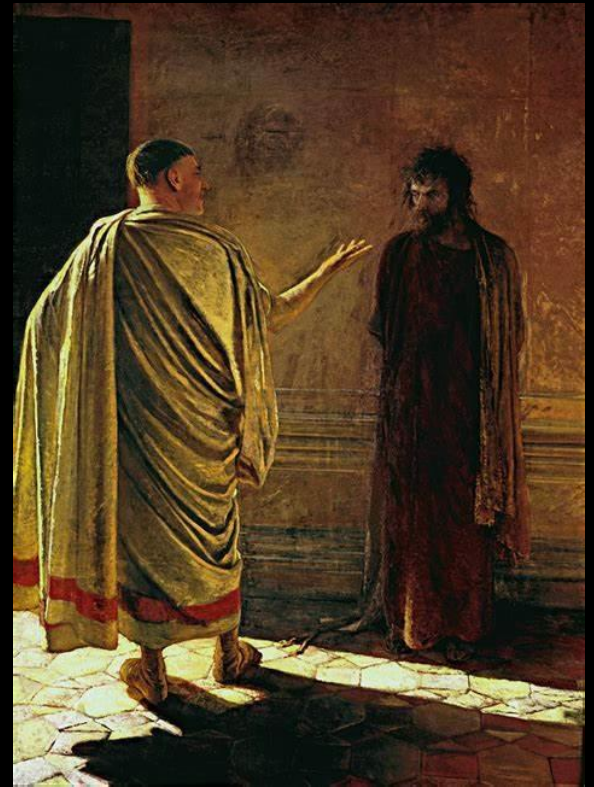
**1 Peter 2:23**

**Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:**

**E. He was silent before Pilate**

**Matthew 27:14**

**And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.**



# **I. Christ Was Silent When Oppressed**

## **How Are We When Oppressed?**

**1 Peter 2:20b**

**....but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it,  
ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.**

## **II. Christ Was Silent When Afflicted**

### **A. Silent when He was scourged**

**Matthew 27:26**

**Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.**

## **II. Christ Was Silent When Afflicted**

### **B. Silent when mocked by the soldiers**

**Matthew 27:29-31**

**29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

**30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.**

**31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.**

## **II. Christ Was Silent When Afflicted**

**B. Silent when mocked by the soldiers - continued**

**Psalm 22:18**

**They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.**

## **II. Christ Was Silent When Afflicted**

### **C. Silent when mocked by the crowd**

**Matthew 27:39-41**

**39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,**

**40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

**41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,**

## **II. Christ Was Silent When Afflicted**

**D. Paul described His silence**

**Philippians 2:5-8**

**5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:**

**6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

**7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

**8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**



# III. Christ Was The Silent Lamb

“as a lamb to the slaughter”

## A. Isaiah looks back to the Passover lamb



### **III. Christ Was The Silent Lamb**

**“as a lamb to the slaughter”**

**B. Isaiah also looks forward to the Lamb of God**

**1 Corinthians 5:7**

**Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:**

**C. John the Baptist’s proclamation**

**John 1:29**

**The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

**Will You Come In Faith To The Oppressed  
And Afflicted One?**