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Isaiah 53

In today's reading, Isaiah prophesied that a Savior would come to atone for the sins of mankind ([Isa. 53:5](#)). The Jews were expecting a Messiah, but Jesus didn't match what they anticipated.

The people imagined a strong ruler who would lead their nation with worldly power, but the Lord was a servant who spent time with outcasts and the lowly. They hoped for a man who would end Israel's persecution; He died a criminal's death and warned His followers that they would not be accepted by the world. So it's no surprise the Jewish people rejected Him. He didn't fit what they wanted—yet He was so much more than they understood.

All of us will one day stand before God. In our iniquity, we'd be unworthy to remain in His presence. His judgment of sin will be death, an agonizing eternal existence apart from Him. This is why He warned Adam that if he sinned, he would die ([Gen. 2:17](#)).

Yet Jesus bore our sin so that whoever trusts in Him can look forward to eternal life ([John 3:16](#)). Christ chose to bear our punishment—the Holy One voluntarily dying the death of a criminal so we could live forever in His presence. Jesus was the way that God could satisfy His justice yet love His people ([John 14:6](#)).

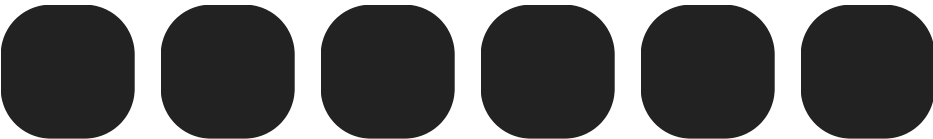
Jesus' gift of salvation is free. It requires nothing on our part except the willingness to surrender. Have you accepted His death on the cross as the atonement for your sin? The

Redeemer’s death leads to life. He doesn’t guarantee an easy road, but He promises to stay with you always.

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