<u>Isaiah 52:13-53:6:</u>

Never was there ever a man to suffer in this world like our Lord Jesus Christ. (Nor shall there ever be). The reason for His sufferings was the penalty and punishment for the sins of an ungodly and wicked world; sins against the commands and love of a Holy and Righteous God; the punishment of which was placed squarely upon His Person and upon His holy soul! Matthew 1:21

If the Lord Jesus had not suffered and died for the sins of the world, the just anger and wrath of God against sinners would never be satisfied! There would be no payment and no atonement for sin; there would be no reconciliation to God for any of us as enemies of God; and there would be NO WAY to approach this Holy and offended God!

Acts 13:38-39: Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses

Acts 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: For there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved

Never has anyone ever endured the hatred and anger and malice and contradiction of sinners against their persons like Jesus personally in His life. *Hebrews* 12:1-3.

Understand that the sins and offences for which He suffered were not His own, and yet, He bore them and died willingly for them because He loved those sinners which committed them. He loved His enemies; that is why He suffered for their sins. Understand therefore, Christian, that your sins were His tears, His griefs, His sorrows; for you who were His enemies!

Our sins and sorrows began with our first parents? Romans 5:12

Adam and Eve's sin affected every aspect of their lives and ours: The birth and raising of their children, Adam's work and trying to make a living; their whole family and consequently the whole human family was affected by their sin!

<u>In just a few short years, their 1st son would murder</u> <u>their 2nd son. Can you imagine the sorrow and grief that</u> they experienced when this happened?

When you consider the magnitude of the sin that originated in the first family, it is staggering! For almost a millennium, Adam watched humanity descend into thick darkness and rampant wickedness, knowing that it was the result of his own sin against God, his Creator. *Genesis* 6:5-8

Psalm 32:10: Many sorrows shall be to the wicked

Just look around you: In our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, in the news, among our leaders, and in our

nation; the world is full of wickedness, sin, & sorrow; and every last bit of it is of our doing!

Every individual human soul born into the world enters into it with their own sins to contend with. It doesn't take a very long time for cute cuddly babies to turn into rebellious, disobedient, and defiant sinners!

Understand therefore this morning that your sins are yours, and no one else's; they are yours to deal with before God; they are yours to forsake, you are responsible for them; you will die with them (UN-FORGIVEN) unless you turn from your sins to Christ for forgiveness!

Isaiah 59:1-2, 64:6-7, Proverbs 28:13

At this point, if you're lost, you ought to be saying within your own heart: What MUST I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved! Let the griefs and sorrows for your sins be His! Listen to Isaiah!

Surely He hath borne our grief's and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Matthew 8:16-17: When the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils: and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Throughout His earthly life He was bearing/carrying the weight, the sicknesses, the plagues, and the sorrows and griefs of suffering sinners!

You can begin to understand why His physical appearance was so marred; why as a 33-year-old man, He looked like He was in His 50s.

Let your sins be forgiven in the Son of Man; let them be nailed to His cross! Let Christ bear your sins and take them away from you!

The griefs and sorrows of our Lord were real and personal, but understand that His sorrows were NOT because of His own transgressions and sins, but because of our sins; never forget that Jesus was not only fully God, but He was also fully Man, and so He experienced every feeling & every human emotion that we experience in our lives. Hebrews 2:14-18, 5:7-9

In the days of His humanity, He veiled and limited His divinity, He emptied Himself glory and majesty when He came into the world as a Man, to suffer and die for the sins of mankind.

He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of a men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Listen to the things that He heard as a Man: He has no form nor

comeliness, (meaning, there was nothing kingly or majestic about His appearance, His family, or His beginnings). There is no beauty in Him that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men? Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Is not this, the carpenter's son? John 7: His own family did not believe in Him.

He was continually taunted and berated by the religious leaders of His day; called a devil and one who was illegitimately born; [born of fornication]. Even up to His cross, as a Man they hurled insults at Him: He saved others, Himself He cannot save. As a Man, He experienced every sorrow that you and I do! Hebrews 4:14-16

As a Man, He experienced the grief and sorrows of knowing that He was going to the cross; knowing what would happen to Him in His death: These were the sorrows of His soul in anticipation of taking upon Himself the sins of fallen humanity!

But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straightened [pained or distressed] till it be accomplished! ~Luke 12:50:

Matthew 26:36-44, Luke 22:43-44

O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt; And then: O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

He went away a 3rd time and prayed, saying the same words. He was anticipating what was before Him and it was agonizing to Him as a Man!

I can't even come close to imagining the sorrow of His soul at this point! It is beyond me! But I do know that it was for my sins and my rebellion against God, MINE were the sins that were upon Him, along with so many other sinners in the world! Was He suffering for your sins?

But then after His agonizing prayer and being strengthened by an angel from heaven; and after Judas/guards came to take Him; [Peter's sword]:

He said: The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it? So we see Him [as a Man] casting the burden of His sorrows upon His Father, and being obedient unto death. ~John 18:

He experienced the sorrows of death, [in dying like a sinner, and being numbered with transgressors] in being made sin for us: Upon His cross, there were many people watching, some of His disciples, religious leaders, Roman soldiers, and a mob; but they only saw His human suffering, they did not see the sufferings of His soul. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Mark 15:24-25: From 9:AM - 12: Noon they beheld His human suffering; they could see it, it was visible! They looked upon Him, heard His groaning and writhing in pain, and heard His Words!

Mark 15:33-34: From High noon - 3:PM God veiled the sun and

there was darkness over the whole land! No human eye would enter into the sufferings and torment that took place in the soul of the Son of Man.

Some say that God died here, but God cannot die; this was Jesus, the Son of Man dying as a Man! A perfect sinless spotless Man! The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world!

It was in this darkness that His Father would lift this terrible cup of indignation and wrath to His lips; Christ drank it all; every last bit of it down to the dregs for the worst of sinners!

In these six (6) hours that He was on the cross, Jesus, The Man, in His death, experienced the sorrows of desertion from many of His disciples, but worst of all, He experienced the sorrows of desertion in being forsaken by His Father.

Hence the eternal sorrow which we, in Christ will NEVER experience, spoken in His words: My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!

If you're in Christ, He died in your place: He bore your griefs, your sins, and your sorrows in His own body and soul upon the cross; when His Father deserted and forsook His soul, it was so that your soul would delivered from being eternally forsaken by God in your sins in a God-less Hell!

Now, ONLY in Christ, DO I know what it means to experience the true joy of being forgiven/saved from my sins!

Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isaiah 50:11:

In Closing:

All of your griefs and sorrows come from your sins; and from the sins of those closest to you.

None of the griefs and sorrows that Christ experienced were because of any sin in His Person, but for yours; for He came to carry our sins and our sorrows away and deliver us from them in sufferings and death on the cross of bloody Golgotha. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!

If you're lost, you are responsible to turn from your own sins to Christ in repentance and faith. If you turn not, you will suffer for your sins eternally in hell from whence you cannot return; and you will get no 2nd chances.