

**Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant**  
*Isaiah 52.14      Tortured      June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

v14 ~ “Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men”

**Jesus was not just Executed / He was Tortured**

- Arrested in Garden
- Beaten, slapped and taunted by Sanhedrin before the High Priest
- Jesus bound by Sanhedrin and taken to Pilate who had Him flogged
- Soldiers crowned him with thorns and beat Him with their fists and staffs
- Crucifixion ~ Nails through hands and feet / spear in side

**Prisoners are sometimes Tortured**

- Adoniram Judson ~ missionary to Burma (*brutalized for 20 months*)
- Reading “*Unbroken*” about WWII prisoners (*Zamperini*) being mistreated
- Prisoners are tortured for many reasons
  1. Punish them for any infraction of rules
  2. Starve them to keep them weak and unable to escape
  3. Humiliate them to break their wills to make them easier to control
  4. Bully and abuse them for pleasure or revenge

**Jesus ~ Divine and Human**

- Jesus is God and Man / He knew what was going to happen to Him
  - As a man He knew the physical suffering that awaited Him
  - As God He knew He would have to endure the torments of hell . . .
- “*Was this foreknowledge of suffering a good thing?*”
  - There is a fear of the unknown / But there is also fear of the known
  - When something is unknown there can be hope (*raft, prisons, better place*)
  - III: Louis Zamperini kept hoping his situation would improve
    - “*If I had to do it all over again ~ I’d kill myself.*”

**Torture is an attack upon a person’s humanity / dehumanize . . .**

**Jesus (*the God-man*) endured physical torture and hell’s torments**

**He knew it was coming / Yet endured it for our sakes**