

Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant
Isaiah 53.4 Afflicted August 28th, 2011

Similarity of vss 3 and 4

- **Read 3b and 4a&b** ~ “sorrows” & “grief”
- **Read 3d and 4c&d** ~ “esteem”
- Emphasis of **v3** was we despised Him
- Emphasis in **v4** is that God afflicted Him

v4a ~ “He has borne our griefs” and “carried our sorrows”

- The grief and sorrow of **v3** were Christ’s
- But the grief and sorrow of **v4** is ours

v4c ~ “Yet we esteemed Him stricken” and “afflicted by God”

- Though He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows
- We regarded Him as deserving what He got

“He must have done something”

- In **John 9.1-3** w/man born blind ~ “Rabbi. who sinned, this man or his parents?”
 - We assume justice is at work when evil befalls people
- III: The Profiler ~ Victims differ in “deserving” what they got
 - Good samaritans vs. criminals betrayed by an accomplice
- III: Amistad excerpt ~ Cinque and Yamba c/Bible pictures
 - “*these people suffered*” ~ “*baby born and everything changed*”
 - “*He was killed*” ~ “*He must have done something*” ~ “*What have we done?*”

But what about the children?

- III: City Cop ~ “*coping mechanism – they deserved it*”
 - But the heinous death of children is different
 - III: TV show about death of boy – Adam in welfare home
- Tower of Siloam story **Lk 13.1-5** ~ emphasize **v5** at end though . . .

In this world the innocent sometimes suffer . . .

Jesus’s death exemplified this . . .