

Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant
Isaiah 53.9 Burial October 9th, 2011

v9a ~ “And they made His grave with the wicked –”

- The Romans would have been prepared to dispose of the body of Jesus
- Execution requires that something be done with the body
- Roman soldiers assigned to this detail were practiced at it
- “*Who would step forward to claim a criminal’s body?*”
 - That a person did so would be noticed ~ remembered

v9b ~ “But with the rich at His death,”

- “*Who stepped forward to claim this criminal’s body?*”
- **Mark 15.43** ~ “Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.”
- **John 19.38-40** ~ He was joined by Nicodemus (both were wealthy men)

v9c ~ “Because He had done no violence,”

- The word because connects this thought to the prior one
- How His body was treated at death was a reward for how He’d lived

v9d ~ “Nor was any deceit in His mouth”

- Read **1 Peter 2.18-25** ~ Extended application of this text
- Peter obviously had Isaiah 53 in mind when he wrote this letter
- “When He was reviled , He did not revile in return”
 - It is possible that we also can do this . . .
 - But not in our own strength . . .

**God is especially concerned about how we behave when oppressed, when wronged
Think pressure . . . *When we come under pressure, what do we do?*
Think of Joseph - how he dealt with being wronged by brothers, Potiphar’s wife
God wants us to turn to Him at such times for the strength we need
As we come to this table . . . commit yourself to handling pressure God’s way**