

SHADOWS OF THE CROSS, PART 5
THE CRUSHED SERVANT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Servant of the Lord was crushed by sin so that crushed sinners could become servants of the Lord.

Stanza 1: The EXALTATION of the Servant (52:13-15)

He will be exalted because of his success. (13)
He will be exalted because of his suffering. (14)
He will be exalted because of his service. (15)

The Servant of the Lord will experience deep lows as well as lofty highs.

Stanza 2: The REJECTION of the Servant (53:1-3)

He appeared to be totally insignificant. (1)
He appeared to be physically unimpressive. (2)
He appeared to be spiritually reprehensible. (3)

The Servant of the Lord will appear more ordinary than spectacular.

Stanza 3: The PASSION of the Servant (53:4-6)

He bore our sickness and sorrows. (4)
He bore our piercings and punishment. (5)
He bore our lostness and lawlessness. (6)

The Servant of the Lord is willing to sacrifice much for the sake of love.

Stanza 4: The EXPIRATION of the Servant (53:7-9)

His submission was total. (7)
His death was violent. (8)
His burial was notorious. (9)

The Servant of the Lord looks beyond the injustice of this world to the justice of God.

Stanza 5: The SALVATION of the Servant (53:10-12)

He is crushed by God but is then vindicated by God. (10)
He suffers internally but is then satisfied by justifying many. (11)
He dies among the wicked but is then generous in sharing his victory. (12)

The Servant of the Lord maintains hope by clinging to the sovereignty of God in hardship.

The IDENTIFICATION of the Servant

The early church applied this prophecy to Jesus.
Jesus applied this prophecy to himself.