

Christ's Birth and Death

I. Introduction.

A. Why was Christ born?

B. Why did Christ die?

II. Scripture.

A. Why did Jesus come take on flesh to forever become the God-man?

1. **Luke 19:10**—"*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*"
2. **Mat. 15:24**—"*But He answered and said, 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'*"
3. **John 3:15-16**—"¹⁵*That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*"
4. **John 10:10**—"*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*"
5. **John 14:9**—"*Jesus saith unto him, 'Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?'*"
6. **Heb. 7:25**—"*Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.*"
7. **Rom. 5:6-8**—"⁶*For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. ⁸But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*"

B. What does God tell us about Christ's coming salvation and suffering?

1. **Isa. 52:3**—"*For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.*"
2. **Isa. 52:7**—"*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*"
3. **Isa. 52:9-10**—"⁹*Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted His*

- people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."*
4. ***Isa. 52:13-15***—"¹³*Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. ¹⁴As many were astonished at Thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men: ¹⁵So shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider."*

C. What does each verse tell us about Christ and His suffering for us?

1. ***Isa. 53:1-12***—"Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"
2. ***Isa. 53:2***—"For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."
3. ***Isa. 53:3***—"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not."
4. ***Isa. 53:4***—"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."
5. ***Isa. 53:5***—"But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."
6. ***Isa. 53:6***—"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."
7. ***Isa. 53:7***—"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth."
8. ***Isa. 53:8***—"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken."
9. ***Isa. 53:9***—"And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth."

10. **Isa. 53:10**—"*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.*"
11. **Isa. 53:11**—"*He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.*"
12. **Isa. 53:12**—"*Therefore, will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.*"

III. Application.

- A. Circle the number of your favorite reason why Jesus took on flesh?
 1. To seek and to save the lost.
 2. To fulfill prophecy as Israel's saving Messiah.
 3. To eternally save those believing in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.
 4. To provide abundant life for all believers that will follow Jesus.
 5. To best and fully reveal God.
 6. To fully save believers by Jesus' continuous intercession.
 7. To lovingly demonstrate His love for us, dying for ungodly sinners.
- B. What verse or prophecy stood out to you in **Isaiah 52** of Christ's coming salvation and suffering?
- C. What grips your heart the most from the 12 verse of **Isaiah 53**?
- D. Can you imagine how a Jew can read **Isaiah 52-53** and not see God's loving plan and Jesus (prophesied about 700 years prior) fulfilled this, their sacrificial system, and see Jesus as their Messiah, died for their sin?