

Sufferings of the Son

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Years ago, I gave a sermon titled "That God May Be All in All." I chose the title of the sermon from the concluding phrase in 1 Corinthians 15:28.

1 Corinthians 15:24, 28—"Then comes the end, when He [Son] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He [Son] puts an end to all rule and all authority and power . . . Now when all things are made subject to Him [Son], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] who put all things under Him [Son], that God may be all in all."

I also quoted John 5:22-23.

John 5:22-23—"For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

I proceeded to give 10 ways we can show honor to the Son. This week we will look at the fourth concept—the sufferings of the Son.

Suffering prophesied

There were prophecies in the Old Testament that discussed the future coming of the Messiah. Some of the prophecies gave a hint to the suffering that He would experience when He came. Notice a few verses.

Isaiah 53:3-5—"He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Told His disciples

Toward the end of the Son's physical ministry on earth, He told His disciples about what was about to occur in His life.

Matthew's account (Matthew 16:21) mentioned the following events.

- Go to Jerusalem.
- Suffer many things from the religious rulers (elders, chief priests and scribes).

- Be killed and be raised the third day.

Mark's account (Mark 10:33-34) described the upcoming events in the following way.

- Go to Jerusalem.
- Be delivered to the Jewish leaders (chief priests and scribes) who would condemn Him to death and who would deliver Him to the gentiles.
- They would mock Him, scourge Him, spit upon Him and kill Him—and He would rise on the third day.

In John 18-19, we read about the Son patiently enduring the harassment and abuse from the Jewish religious leaders and Roman civil leaders.

Personal suffering

Besides the suffering delivered to the Son from the Jewish religious leaders and from the Roman civil leaders, He faced some other personal events.

- Judas betrayed the Son (John 13:26-27 and Matthew 26:14-16).
- The Son was "exceedingly sorrowful, even to death" and prayed earnestly to His Father (Matthew 26:38-44).
- When the Son was arrested in Gethsemane, all the disciples fled (Matthew 26:56).
- Peter denied the Son on three separate occasions (Matthew 26:69-75).
- The angry mob asked for Barabbas to be released instead of the Son (Matthew 27:15-26).
- The Son said the words that would be translated into English: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46).