

Remembrance Sunday 10th Nov 2024

Remember the Sacrifice Isaiah 52:13-53:12

‘The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?” ³⁵So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.’ Acts 8:34-35

1. The Cross speaks of the depth of Jesus love for me

“His face was so disfigured he seemed hardly human, and from his appearance, one would scarcely know he was a man.” Isa 52:14

“He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.” Isa 53:3

“He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. ¹¹He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.” John 1:10-11

“But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.” Isa 53:5a
“He was beaten...He was whipped...” Isa 53:5a

“He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word.” Isa 53:7
“He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.” Isa 53:7
“Unjustly condemned, he was led away.” Isa 53:8

“He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man’s grave.” Isa 53:9

“For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. ¹⁹It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”
1 Peter 1:18-19

2. The Cross exposes the seriousness of my sin

“All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.” Isaiah 53:6

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8

3. The Cross makes the impossible possible, for me

“Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down.”
Isa 53:4a

“But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.” Isa 53:5

“And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.” Isa 53:11b

“But it was the Lord’s good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants.” Isa 53:10

“The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.” 1 Cor 1:18

4. The Cross alone, gives me hope each day

“As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world’s interest in me has also died.” Gal 6:14

Isaac Watts

“Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”