#### Isaiah 53 (MSG)

Who believes what we've heard and seen?

#### Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? 2-6 The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field.

- There was nothing attractive about Him,
- nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over,
- a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand.

One look at Him and people turned away.

We looked down on Him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was *our* pains He carried *our* disfigurements, all the things wrong with us.

We thought he brought it on Himself, that God was punishing Him for His own failures.

But it was our sins that did that to Him,

that ripped and tore and crushed Him —our sins!

He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through His bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way.

And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on Him, on Him.

#### 7-9 He was beaten, He was tortured, but He didn't say a word.

- Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, He took it all in silence.
- Justice miscarried, and He was led off—
- and did anyone really know what was happening?

- He died without a thought for his own welfare,
- beaten bloody for the sins of my people.
- They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man,

Even though He'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true. 10 Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain.

The plan was that He give himself as an offering for sin so that He'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through him.

**11-12 Out of that terrible travail of soul,** 

He'll see that it's worth it and be glad He did it. Through what He experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as He himself carries the burden of their sins.

Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly the best of everything, the highest honors— Because He looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because He embraced the company of the lowest.

#### He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, He took up the cause of all the black sheep.

#### 1 John 1:1 (NIV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

#### Luke 1:1-4 (NIV)

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word.

3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Genesis 1:15 (NIV) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."

#### **Revelation 13:8(NIV)**

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

#### Mark 1:1 (NIV)

The beginning of the He good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

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- Written on individual scrolls
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- Written over 40 generations
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- Written in different environments

- Written at different times
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   Written on three different continents
- Written in three different languages
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### The One Unfolding Story:

# God's Redemption Of Man

#### **Zechariah 9:9 NIV**

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

#### Matthew 21:1-3 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of **Olives, Jesus sent two** disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her.

Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

#### Zechariah 11:12-13

12 I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

13 And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the Lord.

#### Matthew 27:3-7 (NIV)

3 When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

- 4 "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."
- "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."
- 5 So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

6 The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." 7 So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

Psalm 22:14-18 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

- 15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
- and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
  - you lay me in the dust of death

16 Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

17 All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.18 They divide my clothes among them

and cast lots for my garment.



#### 1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NIV)

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

Because of Easter we have:
≻Hope
≻Peace
≻Joy

#### Romans 5:1 (TLB)

Therefore, *because we* have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

#### Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

#### **John 14:27**

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

#### John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

#### John 15:11

I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.