God the Son, Crucified Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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NOTES

Apostles' Creed

We believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion*



- If someone unfamiliar with Christianity asked you why Jesus died, what would you tell that person?
- Read *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*. How would you summarize the life of the servant described in Isaiah's prophecy?
- In what ways does LORD's servant suffer? What is the purpose of the servant's suffering? What role does he play or what does he accomplish?
- Read aloud a version of the Apostles' Creed. What is emphasized in affirming that Jesus Christ "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried"?
- How is Jesus' earthly life and ministry included or omitted in the Creed?
- What is the significance of stating that Jesus suffered and was crucified "under Pontius Pilate"?
- How was Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial common and like others during that time period?
- How was Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial utterly unique and unlike any other? What does Jesus do or accomplish?
- In what ways does knowing about Jesus' suffering inform your understanding of suffering in the world today?
- How does Jesus' suffering connect to your own suffering?
 How will you respond? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

^{*}Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.