



**March 22, 2026**  
**THE CRUX**  
 In My Place Condemned He Stood  
 Isaiah 53:4-6  
 Pastor Dennis Keating

Because of His \_\_\_\_\_, God established divine laws that His creation would be \_\_\_\_\_ to, and if not followed, \_\_\_\_\_ for. (Rom. 5:20; Col. 2:14)

The penalty imposed was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23; Hab. 1:13; Rom. 3:23)

**Our Question:**

"How can a just and holy God express His unfailing love and compassion to forgive His sinful creation?"

God instituted a religious system whereby sin's penalty could be paid \_\_\_\_\_.

Atonement comes from a root word meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It required a \_\_\_\_\_. (Lev. 23:27)

**Why?**

Because from God's perspective \_\_\_\_\_ was equated with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22)

**The Point:**

God accepted the blood of the innocent animal as the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The Identity of the Substitute. (52:13-15)

Jesus was predicted to be like a " \_\_\_\_\_."

2. The Rejection of the Substitute. (53:1-3)

Jesus was predicted to be a " \_\_\_\_\_."

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3. The Sacrifice of the Substitute. (53:4-6)

Jesus was predicted to be \_\_\_\_\_ so that we could be made \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:25-26; 2 Cor. 5:21)

**Our Challenge:**

Stop \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for a failure that Jesus was already \_\_\_\_\_ for. (Col. 2:13-14)

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Because of His **just character**, God established divine laws that His creation would be **held accountable** to, and if not followed, **disciplined** for. (Romans 5:20; Colossians 2:14)

The penalty imposed was **death**.  
(Gen. 2:17; Rom. 6:23; Hab 1:13; Rom. 3:23)

**Our Question:**

*“How can a just and holy God express His unfailing love and compassion to forgive His sinful creation?”*

God instituted a religious system whereby sin’s penalty could be paid **by a substitute**.

Atonement comes from a root word meaning to **cover over**. It required a **blood sacrifice**. (Lev. 23:27)

**Why?**

Because from God’s perspective **life** was equated with **blood**.  
(Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22)

**The Point:**

God accepted the blood of the innocent animal as the **temporary, substitutionary payment of the debt owed Him**.

1. The Identity of the Substitute. (52:13-15)

Jesus was predicted to be like a **“slaughtered lamb.”**

2. The Rejection of the Substitute. (53:1-3)

Jesus was predicted to be a **“man of sorrows.”**

3. The Sacrifice of the Substitute. (53:4-6)

Jesus was predicted to be **broken in our place** so that we could be made **whole in His**. (Rom. 3:25-26; 2 Cor. 5:21)

**Our Challenge:**

Stop **punishing** ourselves for a failure that Jesus was already **punished** for. (Col. 2:13-14)