

# The Greatness of the Cross: The Seven Wounds of Christ

## Striping of Jesus' Back | Isaiah 52:13- 53:5

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### OVERVIEW

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Isaiah prophesies about the Suffering Servant, describing how He would be beaten, disfigured, and rejected, yet His suffering would bring healing and redemption to many. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy through His brutal scourging and crucifixion, bearing the punishment for our sins so that we could be reconciled to God.

### OHANA TIME!

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**Icebreaker:** "If you could instantly learn another language fluently, which one would you choose? Or If you could witness any event in biblical history, which one would you choose and why?"

**Activity:** Observe Lent as a group by engaging in a spiritual discipline together (Scripture reading/memorization, prayer, fasting, etc.)

### PRAYER

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**Pray:** "Thank you, Jesus, for willingly suffering, enduring the lashings, and bearing our sins on the cross so that we could be healed and restored to God."

### BIBLE: READ ISAIAH 52:13- 53:5

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1. How is the Servant's appearance described?
2. What words are used to show the extent of His suffering?
3. Verse 14 describes how the servant was disfigured beyond recognition. How does this prophecy relate to what Jesus endured during His scourging (Matthew 27:26, Mark 15:15, John 19:1)?
4. What was the Roman practice of scourging, and how was it designed to inflict maximum pain and humiliation? (Consider historical context: the use of the Roman flagrum/whip, the number of lashes, and the impact on the body.)
5. Isaiah 53:3 calls the servant "despised and rejected by mankind." How was this prophecy fulfilled in Jesus' trial and crucifixion (Luke 23:18-23; Mark 15:29-32)?
6. Verse 5 says, "By His wounds we are healed." What does this mean spiritually? How do Jesus' lashings and suffering bring healing to our lives today?
7. Why do you think Jesus had to suffer in such a brutal way before going to the cross? How does this reveal both the weight of sin and the depth of God's love?

### APPLICATION

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1. How does this passage help you understand the weight of sin and the depth of God's love for you? What does it mean for you personally that "by His wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5)? How have you experienced healing through Christ?
2. In what ways does Jesus' sacrifice challenge you to live differently in your daily life? How can you apply Jesus' example of sacrificial love in your relationships—with family, friends, or coworkers?

