**The Meaning of Christmas: The Messiah Came To Die**

Isaiah 53:1-10

Key Verse 53:5 “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace on him, by his wounds we are healed.”

1. How do verses 2-3 point to Jesus? (Luke 2:7; Matthew 27:39-44)

2. What did the suffering Messiah do for sinful and sorrowful mankind? (4-5) How did people respond to his sacrifice (4b)? How does he give us healing and peace (Romans 5:1; Hebrews 9:14)?

3. What does it mean to be like sheep who have gone astray? (6-7; Luke 15:4-7) How does verse 7 point to Jesus? (John 1:29, 1 Peter 2:22-25)

4. In what way did Jesus fulfill the prophecy in verse 9? (Matthew 27:57-60)

5. What does it mean that the will of the Lord will prosper in his hands? (10; John 6:38-40) Why is it important to believe that the Messiah came to bear our sins?