

The Substitute
Isaiah 53:1-12, Romans 5: 6-11
Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, March 25, 2018

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3. Jesus' passion (suffering and death) satisfied God's _____.

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- The most important thing that ever happened for me happened in Jerusalem.
The same is true for you.
- I've had the privilege to visit the Holy City twice so far.
- Last year, Mount of Olives.
(Jesus Taxi)
- 1997, Via Delorosa
Wheelchair
Cobblestone
Steps
Peddlars

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- It's easy to imagine Jesus was mocked on the Via Dolorosa
- Legend is that Jesus started carrying his own cross and stumbled.
- In any event that walk was far worse for Jesus than for me!

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- *Not for our entertainment etc.*

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- *I’m forgiven BECAUSE You were forsaken.*
- *For every sin on Him was laid.*
- *What Thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinner’s gain. Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo here I fall, my Savior. ‘Tis I deserve Thy place. Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.*
- *Dick Sikkema’s friend died on the Arizona on December 7, 1941 But Dick didn’t deserve to die more than his friend.*
- *Waylon Jennings didn’t deserve to die more than Buddy Holly or Richie Valens or the Big Bopper. (February 3, 1959)*

But I deserved to die more than Jesus. You deserved to die more than Jesus. Yet Jesus died in our place.

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