

24 th Oct	The death of Jesus	Isaiah 53:1-9 Luke 23:32-49	the final week; the last supper the arrest and trial and death what Jesus' death means for us today
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<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+23%3A32-49&version=NIV>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+53%3A1-9&version=NIVUK>

Mum in Dales – surrounded by fields of sheep

No defences – claws, horns or teeth. Fluffy balls of wool and tasty meat!

Apt to wander off, get lost, injure themselves,

Why they need a shepherd! Feature in our readings today.

Two readings today – OT Isaiah tells us the **Why**

NT Luke tells us the **How**.

At least 700 years apart


Isaiah is a deeply prophetic statement about the coming messiah and has a lot of sheep references. Tells us **who** he came for and **why** he came.

Who – US! John 3:16 Jesus tells Nicodemus who he is and why he came.

Our pain Our Suffering Our transgressions (SIN) Our inequity

His wounds on the cross healed US His death paid for our peace

What pain, what sin, what healing, what peace? What is Isaiah talking about?

All about our Sins, transgressions, trespasses, things we do wrong, against God and also against each other 

Sin separates. Separates us from God and from each other.

Expression – fall out with someone, we've had a falling out.

How to we resolve that – forgiveness, reconciliation

Same with God.

Before Jesus endless animal sacrifices – mainly sheep.

Day of atonement, once a year, High Priest was allowed into the Holy of Holies in the temple, wearing special robes and bells and a rope on ankle.

Yom Kippur. Scapegoat – blood of sacrifice placed upon goat and outcast into the desert.

God looked upon these sacrifices and forgave their sin.

In the Jesus death on the cross he became our sacrifice.

He took the pain and suffering and our inequities upon himself, shed his blood for us. Led like a lamb to the slaughter.

How do we benefit from this? How do we as God to forgive our sin?

Just ask, in Jesus name.

Criminal on the cross – Lord remember me. Luke 23

Jesus response – Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Greek translation means ornate or walled garden – Eden?

Our response – two fold. Wash one another's feet! Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Acknowledge our own sin and ask God forgiveness for him to come into our lives and be your shepherd – one day we will truly be with Jesus in paradise.