5. Resurrection, the power to resurrect and redeem our pain

He causes His suffering to come <u>u</u> !

John 20:25 But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Isaiah 53:10 ... he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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1. The personal side of suffering

The biblical answers to the personal problem of evil and suffering are theological and p

Isaiah 53:2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, <u>a man</u> <u>of suffering</u>, and <u>familiar with pain</u>. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

2. His birth: He enters into our suffering

Philippians 2:6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, <u>he made himself nothing</u> by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

When it comes to your pain and suffering, Jesus j_____you in your suffering.

His death, the power of relatability.

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 3:25 God presented Christ as <u>a sacrifice of</u> <u>atonement</u>, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. The death of Jesus was an <u>o</u>

4. Cross tells us that Jesus can redeem anything, no matter the depths of suffering

Isaiah 53:7 He was <u>oppressed</u> and <u>afflicted</u>, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By <u>oppression</u> and <u>judgment</u> he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living; <u>for the</u> <u>transgression of my people he was punished</u>.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, <u>though he had done no violence</u>, <u>nor was any deceit</u> <u>in his mouth</u>.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, ...

Isaiah 48:10 See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹ For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will