

Living the Cross Centered Life

Study Guide: Chapter 3 – Searching the Mystery



Passage for Meditation: Isaiah 53

1. The content of the gospel is not visual, what is it? (46) How must the gospel be portrayed in order to be vivid and effective? (1 Cor 1:17-18)

2. Many may know how Jesus died, but what question about the crucifixion is more important for us to ask? (46-47)

3. What did Spurgeon mean when he said, “Abide hard by the cross and search the mystery of His wounds”? (47)

4. What portion of Scripture gives us a profound and detailed account of Christ’s suffering? Why is this account so miraculous? (50)

5. How does Isaiah 53 describe the following?
 - a. His origins (50-51)

 - b. His physical appearance (51)

 - c. Our condition (52-53)

d. His substitutionary work (53-54)

6. Who struck the suffering servant (53:10)? Why is that significant? (55-56)
7. What motivated Jesus suffering on the Cross (56)? See also Romans 5:8.
8. What doubt does a view wounded, dying, disfigured savior remove from all who consider it?
9. How does the cross make the gospel good news? (57)