

# A MAN ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF!

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"He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed." {Isaiah 53:3-5} So many years before the life and work of our Lord, Isaiah the prophet spoke of His death. Yet, have you ever pondered the phrase "acquainted with grief"?

Let us allow the scriptures to tell the story of His relationship with grief.

"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him." {John 1:10,11}

"And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." {Matthew 8:20}

"For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world. For even His brothers did not believe in Him." {John 7:4,5}

"The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath." {John 5:15,16}

"When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me...Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." {John 13:21,26,27}

"... Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times. But he spoke more vehemently, If I have to die with You, I will not deny You! And they all said likewise." {Mark 14:30,31}

"And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." {Luke 22:44}

"But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled." {Matthew 26:56}

"But Peter said, man, I do not know what you are saying! Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crows. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word

of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." {Luke 22:60,61}

"Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. Then when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified." {Matthew 27:30,31}

"So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. " {John 19:30}

One could sum up the life of Jesus by the words of Peter, " ... who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil ... {Acts 10:38}

Yes, Jesus spent His earthly life seeking, teaching, loving and showing man the love of the Father and the plan God had to redeem them. Yes, My Lord was "acquainted with grief!" \*\*\*