

## SAVED: By His Shame

John 19:1-30

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. -  
Isaiah 53:5 NIV*

Have you ever been accused of doing something that you didn't do? It is tough when you know that you didn't do anything wrong but have been accused of doing it. It is even worse when you have to deal with the consequences of the action that you didn't even do. Sometimes you have to clean something up that someone else broke or ask forgiveness for something you didn't do.

In John 19, Jesus was accused of things that he didn't do. People said that he was going to destroy the temple and was lying about being God, but Jesus never did anything wrong. The people accusing him didn't care that he didn't do anything wrong. They didn't like him and wanted to see him suffer because of it. Jesus was beat, spit upon, and sent him to be crucified, as a punishment for things that he didn't do, but he never stopped them or fought back because he knew that this had to happen.

The Bible verse for today comes from a section of the book of Isaiah that describes a suffering servant. This servant does not fight back against those who do awful things to shame him. He is described as a "lamb led to the slaughter." These aren't comfortable words for us to read because we don't want to think about someone who is suffering so much. We especially don't want to think about the reason he went through that shame and ridicule.

However, it is crucial that we do remember that Jesus went through indescribable things because it reminds us just how much he loves us. He chose to go through that because he knew that by it, we would be saved. John put it this way, "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

Let's pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for bearing our punishment, even though you didn't deserve it. Help us to remember what you went through and be even more thankful that through it, we can be children of God. Amen.