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for Him to be born. Just this Isaiah chapter 53 where Jesus past December 25th is described as "The Suffering Christians around the world Servant."
celebrated the birth of Jesus Sometimes the Lord speaks Who is "Christ, the Lord" of His people, Israel, as being (see Matthew 1:1-23, Luke His "servant" (see Isaiah 1:26-2:20, John 1:1-14 and 41:8-9). Israel was supposed those who lived hundreds of to His Word and pointing the years BEFORE Jesus was nations to the Savior who born were trusting in the would come from Israel. Savior who was yet to come. However, Israel sinned The Old Testament against God and failed as His Scriptures have various ways "servant" (see Isaiah 42:18-

This is the final article in a of speaking about this 25).
6 part series I've called promised Savior. Jesus is The good news is that there "Connections: Christ and the called "The Seed of is another Servant of the Lord Old Testament." The first 5 Abraham" (see Genesis 12:1- who would save Israel and all articles showed the 3), the "Lion of the tribe of the Gentiles from their sins. connection between Christ Judah" (see Genesis 49:8-12), God speaks about His perfect and Creation, the Flood, "The Root of Jesse" (see Servant in Isaiah 42:1-7. The Abraham, the Passover, and Isaiah 11:1-10), "The Son of original Hebrew of Isaiah The 10 Commandments. David" (see Jeremiah 33:14- 42:6 speaks of this Servant in Today's article will show the 16), "David's Lord" (see the singular, that is, as ONE connection between Christ Psalm 110:1), "The Son of person. Simply put, Jesus is and The Suffering Servant, God" (see Psalm 2:6-12), the "True Israel", the only Ever since God promised a "God with us" (see Isaiah true Son of God, Whom God Savior for Adam, Eve and 7:14), "Mighty God, Prince of would send to save His sinful their descendants (see Peace" (see Isaiah 9:1-7), and Israel (see Isaiah 49:1-5) as Genesis 3:15 and Romans many other titles. However, well as the Gentile nations 5:12-21) those who believed one of the most significant (see Isaiah 49:6-7). But how God's Word had been waiting titles for Jesus is found in would The Servant save us

from our sins against God?
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 talks about The Servant who will suffer and die for our sins against God. Isaiah makes it clear that this Servant will be despised, rejected and persecuted by sinful people (see Isaiah 53:3). However, God will use the suffering of His Servant as the means of saving us sinners who deserve God's wrath.

Isaiah says that God will place our sins upon His Servant (see Isaiah 53:4-6) and that the Servant will die in our place of judgment (see Isaiah 53:7-10a). These inspired words of Isaiah clearly point ahead to the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross for our salvation (see Mark 14:43-15:47, Luke 22:47-23:56 and John 18:1-19:42)! Therefore, it's not surprising that the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the New Testament to quote directly from Isaiah chapter 53 as being fulfilled in the that He exists. Others think

person and work of Jesus (see Matthew 8:16-17, Acts 8:30-35 and 1st Peter 2:22-25).
In fact, Isaiah chapter 53 ALSO speaks about The Servant's victory over death! Isaiah writes: "...though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied...For He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors." This text points to Jesus' resurrection (also see Matthew 27:62-28:20, Luke 24:1-53, Acts 2:22-36 and 1st Corinthians 15:12-58) In addition, Jesus' "offspring" (see Isaiah 53:10) are people of all races, times and places who trust in Jesus and places who trust in Jesus and Savior from the sin and death.

In this world many people ignore God and even doubt that He exists. Others think that God ignores us or even hates us. Still others attempt to manipulate God by trying to earn His blessing with a few good deeds. But such people are self-deceived--as we ALL would be if it were not for the Grace of God! Today we have learned that God loves us sinners so much that He became our Servant. Trust in Jesus today and follow Him - now and for eternity!
Please read the next "His Word is Truth" on Monday, February 20th! Pastor Eckstein will begin a series on The 10 Commandments with an article on the 1st Commandment:
"You shall have no other gods before Me!"

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