

a MAN OF SORROWS

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"Who has believed our report? And to whom is the **Arm of the LORD** revealed? For He (Jesus) shall grow up before Him (the Father) as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a **Man of Sorrows**, and **acquainted with grief**: and we hid as it were our faces from Him. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of 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 with His stripes we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a ewe before her shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment; and of His generation who ponders that He was cut off out of the land of the living. For the transgression of my people was He stricken. He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; **He has put Him to grief**. When You shall make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. By His knowledge shall My **Righteous Servant** justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul unto death; and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sins of many, and **made intercession for the transgressors**." (Isaiah 53:1-12)

Man: from the Hebrew word *ish* which means: a man

Sorrows: from the Hebrew word *makobowt* which means: sorrows; from *makob* which means: the suffering of pain, whether physical or mental. (sufferings, loss, disappointment, pains, or other misfortune suffered by oneself or by others)

Acquainted: from the Hebrew word *widua* which means: acquainted; from *yada* which means: to know (something), through experience; to be acquainted with something through experience.

Grief: from the Hebrew word *holi* which means: grief (deep sorrow); from *choli* which means: sickness, or disease. (deep sorrow or distress caused by sorrows)

Who was Jesus before he became a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief:

- He was and is the Arm of the LORD His Father (Isaiah 53:8)
- He was and is the Father's intimate Associate (Zec. 13:7)
- He was and is the Brightness of the Father's Glory (Heb.1:1-4)
- He was and is the Exact Image of the Father's substance (Heb.1:1-4)
- He was and is the Beloved Son of God, in whom God is well Pleased (Mt. 3:17)
- He was and is the promised Messiah of God (Gen.3:15)
- He was and is the Savior born in Bethlehem who is Christ the Lord (Lu.2:11)
- He was and is the True Light who came into the world (John 1:9)
- He was and is the Living Bread who came down from Heaven (John 6:48-51)
- He was and is the Glory of God's people Israel (Lu.2:32)
- He was and is the Mystery of God – Revealed! (Col.2:2-3)

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Here is how Jesus become a Man of Sorrows who was acquainted with grief:

- **He** was despised and rejected by men (Isaiah 53:3)
- **He** was despised, and we esteemed Him not (Isaiah 53:3)
- **He** bore our griefs and sorrows (Isaiah 53:4; Matt. 8:16-17)
- **He** was smitten and afflicted of God (Isaiah 53:4)
- **He** was forsaken by His Father (Psalm 22:1; Mark 15:33-37)
- **He** was wounded for our transgressions (Isaiah 53:5)
- **He** was bruised for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5)
- **He** was chastised for our peace (Isaiah 53:5)
- **He** bore the stripes by which we were healed (Isaiah 53:5)
- **He** had the iniquity of us all laid upon Himself by the LORD Himself (Isaiah 53:6)
- **He** was oppressed and afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth (Isaiah 53:7)
- **He** was brought as a lamb to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7)
- **He** was cut off out of the land of the living (Isaiah 53:8)
- **He** was bruised and put to grief, as it pleased the LORD to do to Him, (Is. 53:10)
- **He** has poured out His soul unto death (Isaiah 53:12)
- **He** was numbered with the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12)
- **He** has borne the sins of many (Isaiah 53:12)
- **He** has made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12)

- **His** Father said, '*Awake oh sword, against My Shepherd*' (Zec. 13:7)
- **His** Father said, '*Strike the Shepherd*' and *His sheep will scatter*' (Zec. 13:7)

- **We** all like sheep have strayed away from Him (Isaiah 53:6)
- **We** all have turned away from Him, each to his own way (Isaiah 53:6)

- **He** He was the Chief Cornerstone who was rejected (Mt.21:42; Ps. 118:22)
- **He** suffered the devils temptations for forty days in the wilderness (Mt.4:1-11)
- **He** was grieved to see His Father's house defiled by the merchants (John 2:14-22)
- **He** was grieved when His own town rejected Him (Lu 4:16-30)
- **He** suffered persecution because He healed people on the Sabbath (Jn. 5:15-47)
- **He** came to His own, but His own did not receive Him (John 1:11)
- **He** came in His Father's name, and was rejected by the Jewish rulers (John 5:)
- **He** grieved over the the hardness of their hearts. (Mark 3:1-6)
- **He** grieved over His own brothers who did not believe in Him (Jn. 7:1-10)
- **He** grieved compassionately over the shepherd-less multitudes (Mk 6:34)
- **He** grieved over the unrepentant cities that rejected Him (Mt. 11:20-30)
- **He** grieved because that evil generation sought signs from heaven (Mt. 12:38-45)
- **He** grieved over man traditions that nullified God's commandments (Mk. 7:1-23)
- **He** grieved over their neglect of justice and the love of God (Lu. 11:37-54)
- **He** grieved over their inability to discern the signs of the times (Mk. 8:11-12)
- **He** grieved over those who took away the Key of Knowledge... (Lu. 11:37-54)
- **He** grieved over those who were hindered from entering in... (Lu. 11:37-54)

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- **He** grieved over the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees... (Mk. 8:13-21)
- **He** grieved over those who seek riches, but are not rich toward God (Lu.12:13-21)
- **He** grieved over Jerusalem and its future destruction (Lu. 19:29-44)
- **He** grieved again to see His Father's house defiled by merchants (Mk. 19:15-19)
- **He** grieved over His own apostle who betrayed Him
- **He** suffered deeply to the point of death in the garden
- **He** suffered so much that His blood flowed through with His sweat
- **He** grieved over His watchmen who fell asleep in the garden
- **He** grieved over His own apostle who denied Him three times
- **He** suffered under lies and mocking before the high priests, Pilot, and Herod
- **He** suffered under the hateful jeers of 'Crucify Him"
- **He** suffered mocking and beating at the hands of Roman soldiers
- **He** suffered under a brutal Roman scourging
- **He** suffered under the weight of His own heavy cross
- **He** grieved over the women and children of Jerusalem
- **He** suffered on the Cross for six long hours
- **He** suffered more mocking while dying on the Cross
- **He** grieved over His grieving mother as she watched Him die
- **He** suffered when He became sin on the cross for our salvation!

Perhaps most of all He suffered and grieved when His Father forsook Him while He hung there dying separated for the first time ever from His Beloved Father!

Truly, truly, the many sorrows that Jesus suffered, and the many things He was acquainted with that caused Him grief, are more than we can even imagine. Think of the multitude of our own personal sins. Think of the multitude of sins of all humankind! Consider this final passage:

"...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith; **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand (the Right Arm) of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

It was also the 'Father's pleasure' and joy, that His Beloved son should be bruised, and put to grief, and to suffer death on the cross, as an offering for sin – so that we who put our faith in Jesus might have eternal life in His Kingdom, and fellowship with Him forever and ever!

JESUS is ...

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**He was and still is acquainted with grief!
He was and has now again sat down at the Right Hand of the Father!
there He has and still is making intercession for transgressors – us!**

**Thank you Jesus for bearing my sin and my shame on the cross!
Thank you for bearing my griefs and my sorrows!**