

## **TODAY'S MESSAGE:**

OUR SUFFERING SAVIOR

**"IS THERE NO JUSTICE?"**

Isaiah 53:8

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*By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. (Isaiah 53:8)*

### **I. THE PROBLEM OF I \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE WORLD**

**... when criminals are NOT punished**

**... when innocent people ARE punished unjustly**

### **II. GOD, IN HIS MERCY, D \_\_\_\_\_ JUSTICE**

*This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)*

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

**God may delay justice, but justice will be served.**

*And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched (Is. 66:22)*

### **III. JESUS SUFFERED THE G \_\_\_\_\_ INJUSTICE**

*However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. (Romans 4:5)*

### **IV. WE ARE CHRIST'S D \_\_\_\_\_**

*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, (Gal. 3:26)*

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**For Reflection / Action:** What do I consider a great injustice occurring in the world today? Am I quick to demand justice for others, but equally quick to want grace for myself? Am I living as a 'descendant' (disciple) of Christ?

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