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Title: The Cruelty of the Cross  
Text: Isaiah 53

## **POWER**

**Corinthians 1:18** - For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **FACTS SURROUNDING THE CROSS**

1. Syro Phoenicians used the method first.
2. The Romans used it since the 3rd century BC.
3. Isaiah was not aware of the crucifixion.
4. The words in chapter 53 are vivid pictures of someone being tortured; pierced, crushed, oppressed, suffered.

## **THE STAGES OF A CRUCIFIXION:**

Scourging  
Humiliation  
Fixed to A Cross with Nails  
Cause of Death Suffocation

## **THE PURPOSE OF THE CROSS WAS TO PAY THE DEBT FOR OUR SIN. v.4-6**

## **THE PORTRAIT OF SUFFERING DEPICTED HOW FAR GOD WAS WILLING TO GO TO DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE. v.10**

**Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.