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- Our 5<sup>th</sup> service here at StukMead PS.
  - At each one been looking at a song.
  - Song of the suffering **servant**. Isa 52-53. Apron (not PPE).
  - Not a song you can find in the charts, or stream spotify
  - Cos written 2700 years ago found in Bible.
- Nevertheless amazing song cos predicts J **death & res** 700 yrs.
  - At times a **sad** song (cos speaks of a man put to death who didn't deserve it)
  - but also **joyful** (cos that suffering wasn't a tragic waste, but brought good).
  - And as we look at final section, see that after his death and burial (cut off from land of living), he **lives beyond death**.
    - V appropriate on Easter Sunday.
- If missed any. find all the talks online...
  - incl script of 2 fuller sermons (send by Whatsapp).
  - if any of adults/teens extra time this week: sermons.
- Here's a bit of a recap what seen so far (each section is 3 verses long).... **powerpoint**
  - 1) succeeds in saving through suffering. (v13)
  - 2) misunderstood & not recognised (v4)
  - 3) yet he saved by way of a substitution (swap) (v6)
  - 4) servant was willing to die & innocent (v9)
  - TODAY. See that this was all part of God's plan. (v10)
- In this servant song, predicting Jesus, the servant clearly **died**.
  - v8b cut off from the land of the living
  - v9 assigned a grave with the wicked.
- But look what happening in final section.
  - v11. he will see the light of **life**.
  - This is talking about Jesus' resurrection 700 years beforehand.
  - And it shows that cross was **God's plan**.
  - Going to see 2 things....

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- It was God's plan for his servant to suffer.
- Because it was God's plan to save the world through him.
  - But how do we know?
- Most of the disciples were sad and confused when J died.
  - They thought it was a terrible tragedy and waste
- And we might think that Christianity might not be up to very much if it ends with a death.
- But it doesn't end with a death.
- God accepted Jesus work on the cross
- Because v11 After he has suffered he will see the light of life.
- And sure enough after J's death, many 100s of ppl saw him alive.
- ▲ Kids Toy! Anyone know what **this** is? Card payment machine.
- ▲ Kids may have seen adults use this contactless, or card in.
- Some of us have even experienced difficult moment of card not accepted.
- Well Jesus died for our sins as our substitute.
  - But it was accepted. "PAYMENT ACCEPTED"
- After he has suffered he will see the light of life.
- Res means so much.
  - J alive- can know him today
  - he will return as judge.
  - we too will live after death.
- Resurrection is a massive "payment accepted" on Jesus. He is accepted. His payment for our sins is accepted.
- It's such good news worth singing about...
- There's more in second half of verse we will come back to.
- **TELL THEM TELL THEM**.

## 2) GOD ACCEPTS US!

- I guess you are wondering why I'm wearing this!
- Well does anyone know who dresses like this?
- A **judge**?
- Yes Don't know if you've ever been to court.
- Scary place.
- If you are on trial it means that you may have done something wrong and you may be found **guilty** or **not guilty** by the court.
- v11. 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Not only J accepted, but we are accepted!
- Justify.
- That means to declare righteous or **not guilty**.
- Whole book in NT about it called Romans.
- But the thing is that we are guilty, and have turned away from God.
- And the passage is saying that by the knowledge of this servant we can be justified.
- Put right with God.
- Another way of thinking of Justified is "Just as if I'd lived J's life".
- There's a great band called Awesome Cutlery.
  - Called this because feature 2 wannabe superheros
    - Captain Awesomeness
    - and Cutlery Boy.
  - They written a song I'm going to read words to you!
  - **JUSTIFIED**. Just as if I'd lived Jesus life.

- As I finish, a question. **Where do you look for acceptance?**
- 1) FRIENDS
  - Kids
  - Teenagers
  - Want to be accepted. Fit in.
  - **Nice**. Teachers accept you.
- 2) ABILITIES
  - maybe think that you are awesome
    - football player
    - computer game player
    - really good at yr job.
- 3) FEELINGS
  - When you feel accepted
  - but God sees the inside.
- **LOOK TO JESUS!**
  - He accepts sinners, and justifies them.
  - His death pays for their sin.
  - His resurrection guarantees that
- And united in Christ we are accepted too.
- Look to Jesus! The only place
  - **Friends** come and go.
  - **Abilities** fade with age
  - **Feelings** come and go.
  - "My righteous servant will justify many".
  - Have you put your trust in HIM!?
- Let's pray. **"He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification". Rom 4:25**
  - Handover to Rob & Jean as we continue in prayer.