

more from Isaiah:

6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all. **7** He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. **8** Unjustly condemned, he was led away. No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream. But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. **9** He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. **10** But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands. **11** When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins. Isaiah 53:6-11

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The God That Cares For You

"May you be able to feel and understand... how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves." Ephesians 3:18-19

When you don't understand what God is really like, you fall into one of two mistakes.

- 1. You _____ Him. and say, "I don't believe in God."**
- 2. You _____ little god.**

How do I know that God cares about me?

I. GOD CARES ENOUGH ABOUT YOU TO _____ HIMSELF.

How does God let us know what He's like?

One way is through _____

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20

- We know God is _____**

- We Know God is _____
- We know God is _____
- We Know God loves _____
- We Know God has a _____

Another way is God came to earth _____.

This disciple (John) is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate. 25 Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written. John 21:24,25

"Jesus is the light who revealed God to the nations." Luke 2:32

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15

"Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father." John 14:9

- If Jesus is dead, how can we account for his own mother & brothers worshiping him as God?
- If Jesus is dead, why did his followers no longer fear death & suffer martyrdom boldly trusting they would rise one day?
- If Jesus is dead, how do we explain the conversion of his most bitter enemies like Saul who became Paul?
- If Jesus is dead, how can we explain the disciples suffering & dying brutal deaths for Jesus without ONE recanting of his resurrection?

Jesus came and stood among them and said... to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "**My Lord and my God!**" John 20:26-28

"What do we know about God now because of Jesus Christ?"

Luke Chapter 15- The Parable of the Lost Sheep
The Parable of the Lost Coin
The Parable of the Lost Son

In each story something valuable was _____.

The Point: _____.

II. HE CARES ENOUGH _____.

- **Jesus wants to rescue you from the _____.**
For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed... Hebrews 9:15
- **Jesus wants to rescue you from the _____.**
"Jesus set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death." Hebrews 2:13

Jesus Christ broke the power of death.

"I am the resurrection and the life and he who believes in Me shall never die." John 11:25

Written by the Prophet Isaiah 700 years before Christ came: But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. Isaiah 53:5