

Vicarious Sacrifice: The Eucharist: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Review: Expanded Translation of John 10:1–16; the Lord's Prophecy of His Death & Resurrection, v. 17; the Three Phases of the Plan of God: Phase 1: Salvation, Phase 2: the Christian Way of Life, & Phase 3: the Eternal State

The Eucharist:

Isaiah 52:13 - Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

v. 14 - Just as many were astonished at you, *My people*, So His appearance was marred more than any man And His form more than the sons of men.

v. 15 - Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what had not been told them they will see, And what they had not heard they will understand.

Isaiah 53:1 - Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

v. 2 - For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.

v. 3 - He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

v. 4 - Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

v. 5 - But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

v. 6 - All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

v. 7 - He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

Isaiah 53:8 - By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living For the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke *was due*?

v. 9 - His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

v. 10 - But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

v. 11 - As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it* and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

v. 12 - Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors. (NASB)

John 10:1 - "I am telling you the truth, he who does not enter [**religious leaders**] into the sheepfold by the door [**virgin birth**], but climbs over some other way, he is a thief and a robber [**of another shepherd's sheep**].

v. 2 - "He who enters [**into the sheepfold**] by the door [**Jesus identifies Himself as the door in vv. 7 & 9**] is the shepherd of the sheep.

v. 3 - "To Him [**Jesus the Shepherd**], the doorkeeper [**the Holy Spirit**] opens the door for Him [**virgin pregnancy**], and the sheep [**those who respond to the gospel**] hear and obey [**by following**] His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out of the sheepfold to pasture [**the Christian way of life**].

John 10:4 - "When he [**the shepherd**] puts forth [**leads them out of the sheepfold**] all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow [**present active indicative of ἀκολουθέω (akolouthéō): to follow the teacher**] him because they know his voice.

v. 5 - "A stranger [**false shepherd**] they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers [**false teachers**].

v. 6 - This figure of speech [**παροιμία (parοimía): parable**] Jesus spoke to them. But they [**the Pharisees**] did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them [**So the Lord repeats the parable from the beginning.**].

v. 7 - So Jesus said to them again, [**the first door: ingress**] "I am telling you the truth, I say to you, I keep on being the door of the sheep [**the Incarnation**].

v. 8 - [**The Pharisees & the first door**] "All that ever came before Me [**Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes; the Sanhedrin**] are thieves [**disinformation through false doctrine, 1 Timothy 4:1**] and robbers [**intimidation through legalism, fear, and violence, i.e., religious persecution**], but the sheep did not hear them [**souls defended by the FLOT line**].

v. 9 - [**The second door: egress**] "I keep on being the door [**the cross**]; if anyone enters [**free-will decision of faith alone in Christ alone**] through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture [**discovery of truth inside the bubble**].

v. 10 - [**The Pharisees and the second door**] "The thief advances on a sheep only to indoctrinate him with doctrines of demons, to murder, and to destroy his character and frustrate free will [**the satanic strategy to gain mental assent to demonism**]; I came into human history so that they may choose to have eternal life, and, in the same way, have it in superabundance.

v. 11 - "I keep on being the unobjectionable, blameless, excellent Shepherd; the good Shepherd, under a contract of suretyship, pays the indebtedness of the sheep with His spiritual life on the cross.

John 10:12 - “He who is a hired hand [Pharisees are not qualified to lead Israelites], and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming [Roman political and military encroachment], and leaves the sheep and flees [it was always all about them], and the wolf [Titus Vespasianus] snatches them [the fall of Jerusalem] and scatters them [Diaspora].

v. 13 - “The hired hand [religious leadership] flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

v. 14 - [The second good shepherd passage] “I am, have been, and shall remain the good Shepherd, and I love [γινώσκω (*ginóskō*)], from the source of divine integrity, My own, and My own love [*ginóskō*], from the source of accumulated doctrine, Me,

v. 15 - “even as I have always loved [*ginóskō*] the Father and the Father has always loved [*ginóskō*] Me; and I will sacrifice [τίθημι (*títhēmi*)] My soul [ψυχή (*psuchē*)] as a substitute [ὑπέρ (*hypér*)] for the sheep.

v. 16 - I have other [ἄλλος (*állos*)] sheep of similar characteristics [they are not Jews, but they are sheep], which are not functional in the dispensation of Israel; I must lead these Goyim also, and they will, with certainty in the future, hear, understand, and obey My voice, and they will become one flock, one Shepherd [*mía poímnē, heís poimén*].” (EXT)

v. 17 - “For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.” (NASB)

55. Every advantage we possess as believers was made possible by the willingness of Jesus Christ to “lay down His life so that He might take it up again.”
56. The Lord is actually speaking of laying down His soul. “Laying down” is the futuristic present active indicative of the verb τίθημι (*títhēmi*), a reference to the spiritual death suffered by His soul.
57. The object of *títhēmi* is the noun ψυχή (*psuchē*): “soul.” It is the soul that is saved, not the body.
58. Therefore, Jesus’ soul is what suffers spiritual death for our salvation, not his physical death.
59. However, once all mankind’s sins were judged, the Lord was then able to turn His attention to Phase 3 of the plan of God.
60. Phase 1 is salvation, Phase 2 is the Christian way of life made possible by the spiritual death of Christ, and Phase 3 is the eternal state which requires the casting off of the physical body to be replaced by a resurrection body.
61. The process of making the exchange began with the Lord’s statement from the cross once He completed the process of dying spiritually for our sins:

John 19:30 - Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. (NASB)