

Notes on Message on Matthew 26

SMITE - The Father Struck Jesus

"As you know, the Passover celebration begins in two days, and I, the Son of Man, will be betrayed and CRUCIFIED." V2

- Jesus, the son of God, became a son of man to bear the sin that was causing the death of people and their world. Father God knew we would use our freedom of choice to sin—which is to ignore the natural and spiritual laws – the way things have to be for things to run right—to burn our bridges behind us—leave Him and bring death to ourselves and our world. He knew that some of us would come back to Him if He made it possible.

- **Consequence is capital punishment.**

"When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused those evil desires that produced sinful deeds, resulting in death. I felt fine when I did not understand what the law demanded. But when I learned the truth, I realized I had broken the law and was a sinner doomed to die (and suffer the wrath to come)." Romans 7:5,9 I Thessalonians 1:10

God's Plan

"God will strike the shepherd." V31

"He was smitten by God." Isaiah 53

- **Jesus bears the consequences.** Yet it was our weaknesses he carried, it was our sorrows that weighed him down. (He was smitten by God.) And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins. But he was wounded and crushed (and exposed to death) for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped and we were healed! All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the guilt and sins of us all. **It was the Lord's good plan** to crush him and fill him with grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs." Isaiah 53

- **We put Jesus on the cross.** We have been set right with God. Now we are free. We dwell in the Father's presence. He waits to help us.

- "This is real love. It is not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the PROPITIATION (appeasing the wrath of God because of sin) for our sins." I John 4:9-10