

### My Hands; His Hands: Final Blow?

**Isaiah 53:4-6:** Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### Points to Ponder

1. How is the cross of Jesus an ugly thing and a beautiful thing?
2. Who is responsible for Jesus' death—the people who called for his crucifixion, Pilate, the Roman soldiers who nailed him to the cross, God himself, someone else? Explain.
3. Law and gospel are two paradoxical themes of Scripture. At what moment were the two resolved—guilt and punishment meets the gift of God's Son?
4. Read Isaiah 53:5. How does punishment bring us peace?
5. That Jesus suffered in our place, died, rose, and offers us forgiveness and eternal life is the absolute core of the Christian faith. Do you know someone who needs to hear that his or her sins are forgiven?

#### The Bottom Line

In one of the most beautiful paradoxes in Scripture, the innocent Jesus took on the burden of our sin on Calvary. Our sin, our hands, nailed him to the cross. His hands carried that burden, and he was punished for us. Jesus' wounds heal us; his punishment forgives us.

You can dig deeper into you Bible by reading more about these truths from the lesson:

- **Jesus Suffered for Us:** Mark 10:45; Luke 9:22; Romans 8:3; Philippians 2:5-8; 1 Timothy 2:5,6
- **Jesus Brings Peace:** Matthew 11:28; John 14:27; John 16:33; Colossians 3:15