

Focus Passage: Isaiah 53:7

“He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.”

1) What is oppression? What oppression is brought to mind by the image of a lamb to be sacrificed?

2) How is ignorance different from innocence in the image of a lamb about to be sacrificed? In other words, why is it or is it not fair that the lamb should be sacrificed? (Hint – What does Pilate say about Jesus?)

3) What is the oppression that Jesus knows? (Hint – listen for a reference to 53:6)

4) Why did Jesus not open his mouth? What kinds of statements or complaints or exclamations could Jesus have made?

5) Who led Jesus to the “slaughter?”