Friday, April 10
Good Friday

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Isaiah 53 ✦ Psalm 135:1–4, 8–9

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. *Isaiah 53:5*

Healing

It's a medical wonder that snake venom and rat poison have inspired medications for blood thinners and that antibiotic origins were found in mold, dirt, and even a sewer. But no one would think of helping a sick person by making another person sick. That's not how things work.

With sin-sickness, however, that's exactly how things work. Every single human ever is infected with sin-sickness. There is no antidote; sin demands death. The only way that death can be satisfied is if a person without sin would die. The pure blood of the sinless can heal every sin-sick person in the history of humankind.

Jesus was pierced for us. His wounds miraculously heal our own. In an incredible reversal, Jesus took all our sin on Himself and killed it on the cross. We are cured! We can now look forward to eternal life with Jesus.

Today, we ache with the pain of knowing that our sin was the reason Jesus died. But we also know that Jesus' body didn't stay dead. We know that even sin and death were no match for Him. And we await the celebration of that victory.

Great Physician, You have healed me with Your own wounds.
Forgive me for the sin that brought You to the cross.
Thank You for the life You give. Amen.