Text: Various Topics: The Sacrifice of Christ Series: The Jesus Who Came to Earth Monroe Bible Church January 2, 2022 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

The Grand Gift

I. The Prediction (Isaiah 53)

Isaiah's Old Testament prophecy predicted a Servant who would become a <u>substitutionary sacrifice</u> for the sins of His people.

II. The Propitiation (Romans 3:25)

New Testament Scriptures identify the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ as the *satisfaction* of *God's wrath* on our sin.

III. The Proclamation (1 Peter 2:24; 3:18)

The purpose of Christ's substitutionary sacrifice to supply propitiation for our sin before God is *our salvation*!

Christ's last act in human flesh begs a response of <u>acceptance</u> and <u>appreciation</u>!

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing name tags. You can also email us your prayer requests.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Appreciation for what someone does for us can take many different forms. What form means the most to you?

2. Pick one description of the foretold Servant from each section below that you see as picturing Christ. Isaiah 52:13-15
Isaiah 53:1-3
Isaiah 53:4-6
Isaiah 53:7-9
Isaiah 53:10-12

Jesus would have known all of this to be true for His earthly life, yet He pressed forward. How does this affect your thoughts about your salvation?

3. The word "propitiation" (or atoning sacrifice) is used in reference to Christ's sacrifice. (Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2; 4:10; Hebrews 2:17) What does it mean?

From Romans 3:25, what was the propitiation, what did it do, and how is it made effective for the individual?

Why is the incarnation of Christ important to propitiation?

Apart from Christ, describe the effect your sin would have on your relationship with God.

4. Peter notes the purpose of Christ's last act in His physical body in 1 Peter 2:24 & 3:18. What was the act, and what was its purpose?

Describe how you show your gratitude for Christ's substitutionary sacrifice on the cross on your behalf.