

## Profile in Suffering #1: Jesus

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Along with teaching, prayer, miracles, and discipling, one of Jesus' central commissioned activities on earth was: suffering.

### **It was prophesied –**

#### **Isaiah 53:3, 10**

He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

### **Jesus was perfected through suffering –**

#### **Hebrews 2:10**

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

**It was walked out** - birth, temptation, life, rejection by followers, flogging and crucifixion.

### **It is a central call upon his followers:**

#### **Matthew 10:21-24**

Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

#### **John 16:33**

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

#### **Philippians 1:29**

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake