Sermon Notes for Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 "The Resurrection in One Little Hebrew Word" Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Introduction: We know Isaiah 53 is a prophesy about Jesus Sacrificial Death for us on the cross as the Lamb of God (John 1:29; Rev. 5), but because of one very important little Hebrew word, we know it is also a prophesy about the Resurrection. Read Isaiah 53 and the word is in vs. 10. The word is *ZERA*, a common word for "seed, fruit, offspring, descendants". But it is so very important. First, how can the dead sacrificial Lamb see his "seed, fruit, offspring, descendants"? Only through coming to life again – the Resurrection. And you don't have to read very far in the book of Genesis to see how important this is in applying it to the prophesies of Christ! This morning we will see this this little word applies to us as Christ's "<u>New Creation</u>," His <u>Victory</u> over <u>Satan</u> for <u>Freedom</u> from the <u>Curse</u>, to become <u>Heirs</u> of God and <u>Co-Heirs</u> with Christ.

- The word ZERA is used over and over in Genesis 1 for <u>CREATION</u> and because of Christ death and resurrection we are part of Christ <u>NEW CREATION</u> 2 Cor. 5:17,19,21; Rom. 8:18-25; 2 Pet. 3:11-13; Rev. 21:1
- It is used in the prophesy of Gen. 3:15 that the seed of woman would defeat Satan. Through Christ's death and resurrection we are part of God's plan to have an Eternal Complete <u>VICTORY</u> over <u>Satan</u> Heb. 2:14-15; Eph. 2:1-10; Rom. 6:3-23; 16:20; Acts 26:18;
- It is used of the seed of <u>Abraham</u> that will bless all nations (Gen. 22:18), and by His death and resurrection Christ is that seed that has caused us to be His brother and sister and <u>HEIRS</u> of the Promise from God and <u>CO-HEIRS</u> with Christ Ga. 3:15-29; Hebrews 2:16-18; Rom. 4:13-25; Rom. 8:12-17

Small Group Study and Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does it mean for Jesus to be the Lamb of God?
- 2. What in Isaiah 52:13 53:12 tell us that this prophesy is both about Jesus death and His resurrection?
- 3. How is the resurrection both a present spiritual new creation and a future physical new creation?
- 4. How is Jesus' resurrection a victory over Satan for both Christ and us?
- 5. How are we descendants of Abraham and how does this make us bothers and sisters and co-heirs with Christ?