

Discovering
Jesus as
the

Lamb of God

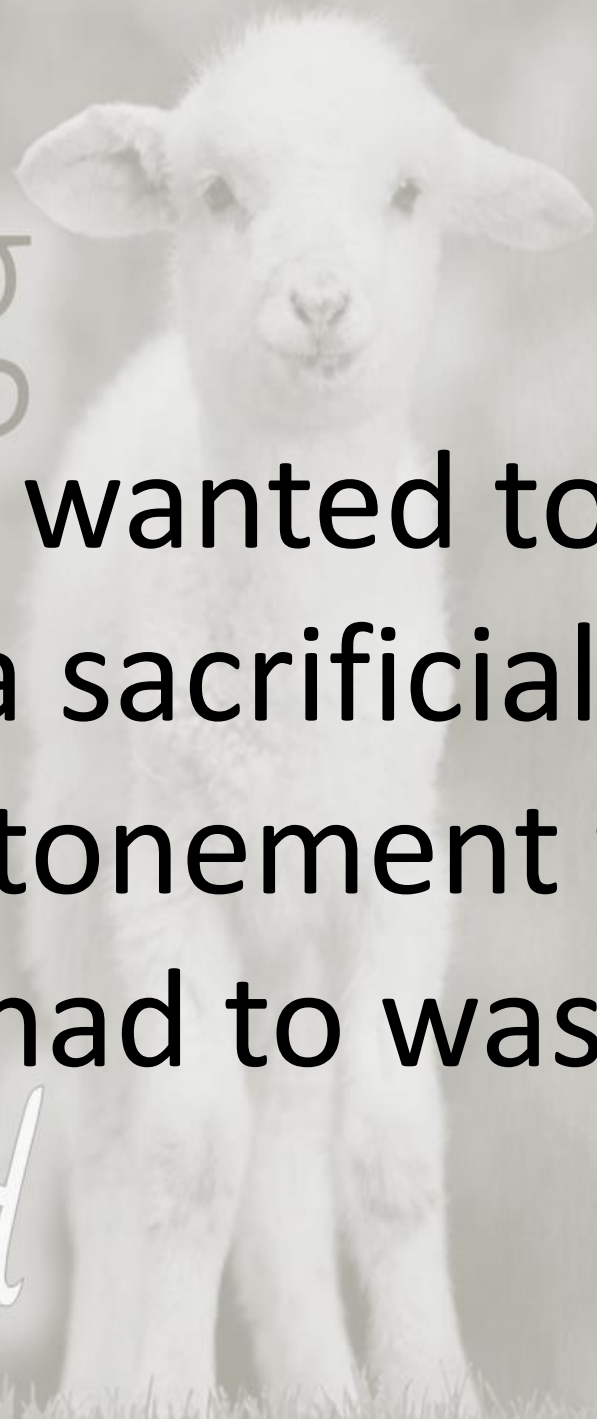


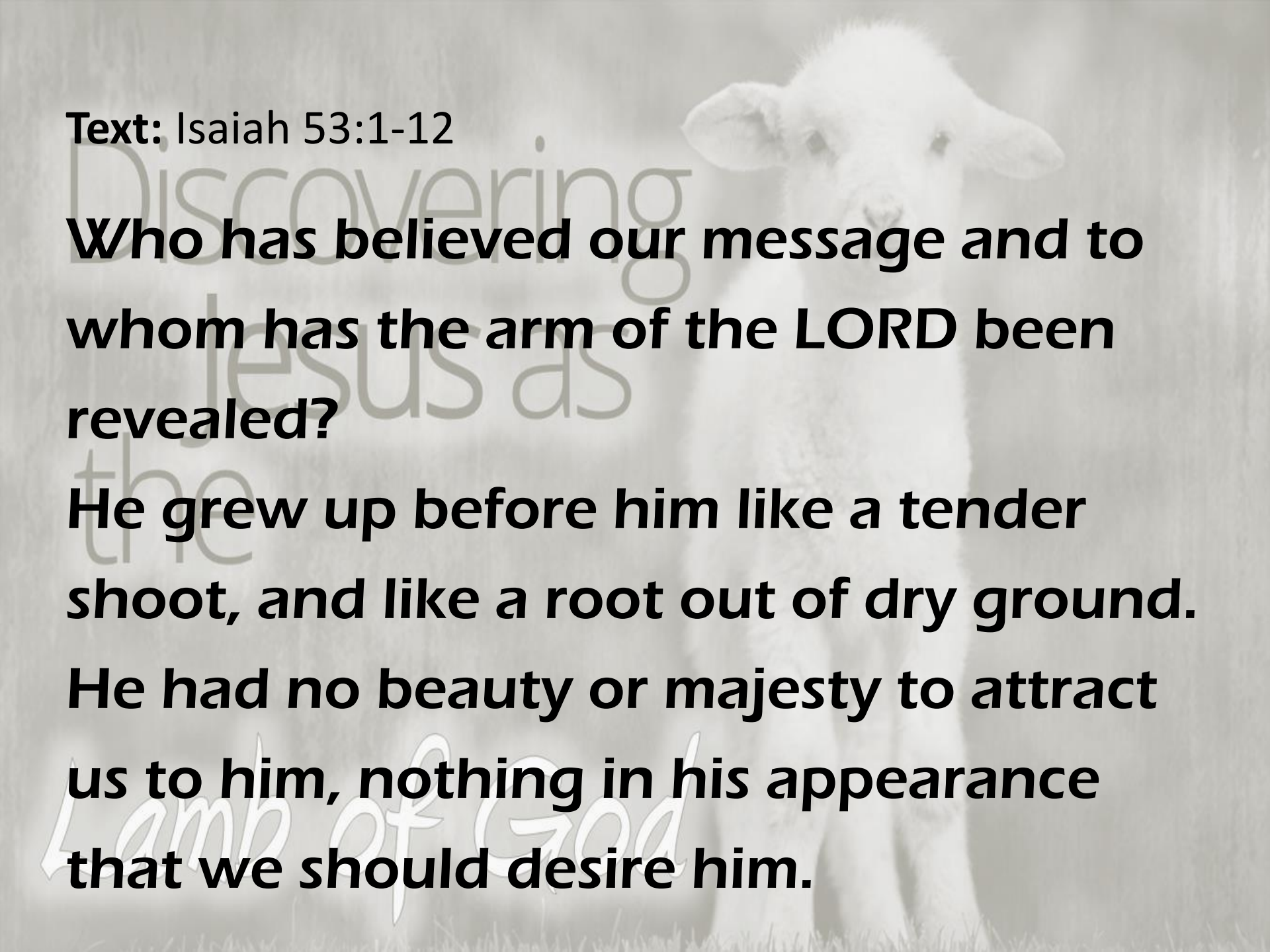
**The Silence
of the Lamb**

Introduction:

If Jesus had not wanted to go to the cross as a sacrificial lamb to make atonement for our sins, all He had to was talk!

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Text: Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

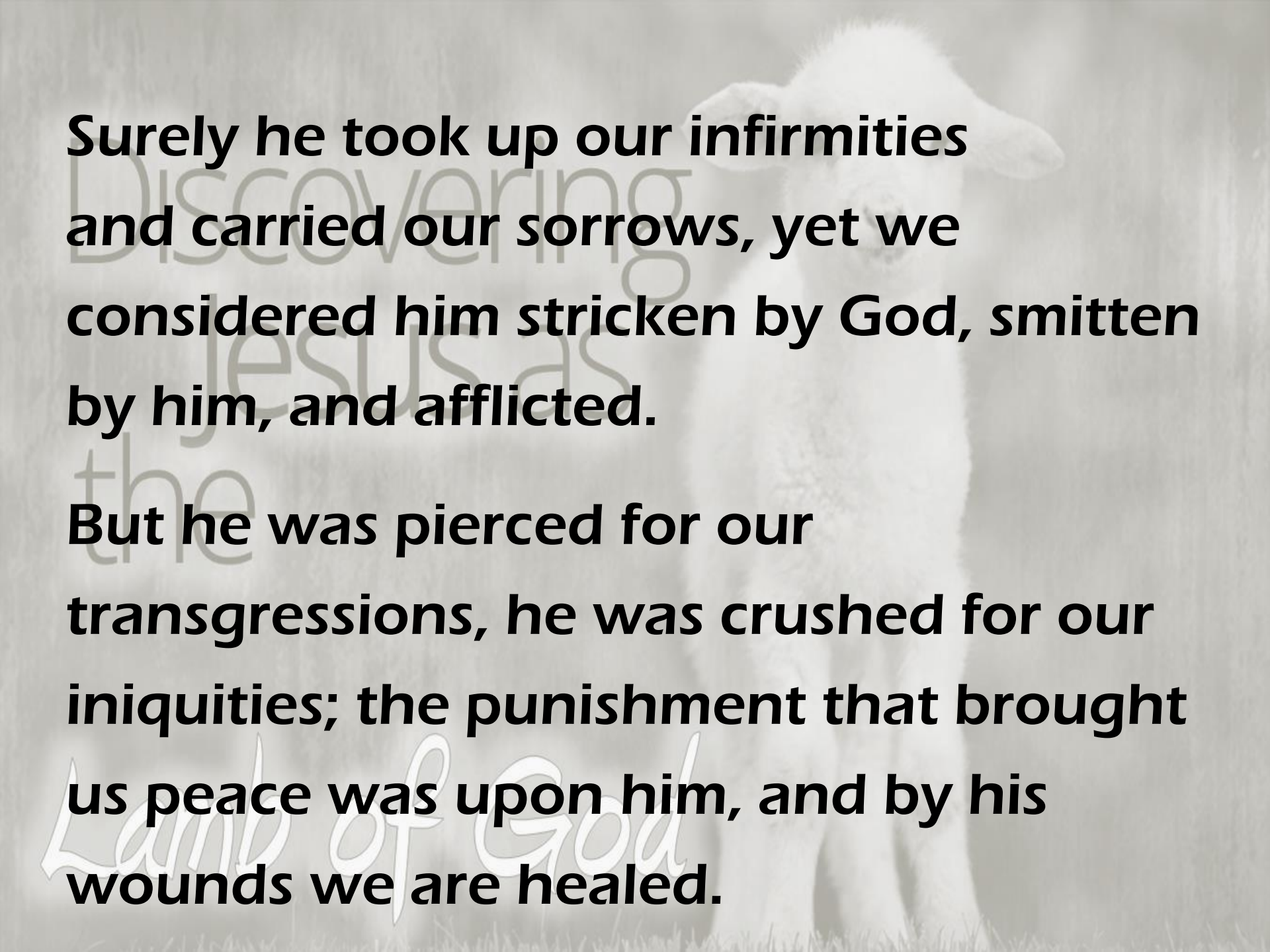
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.



**He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with
suffering.**

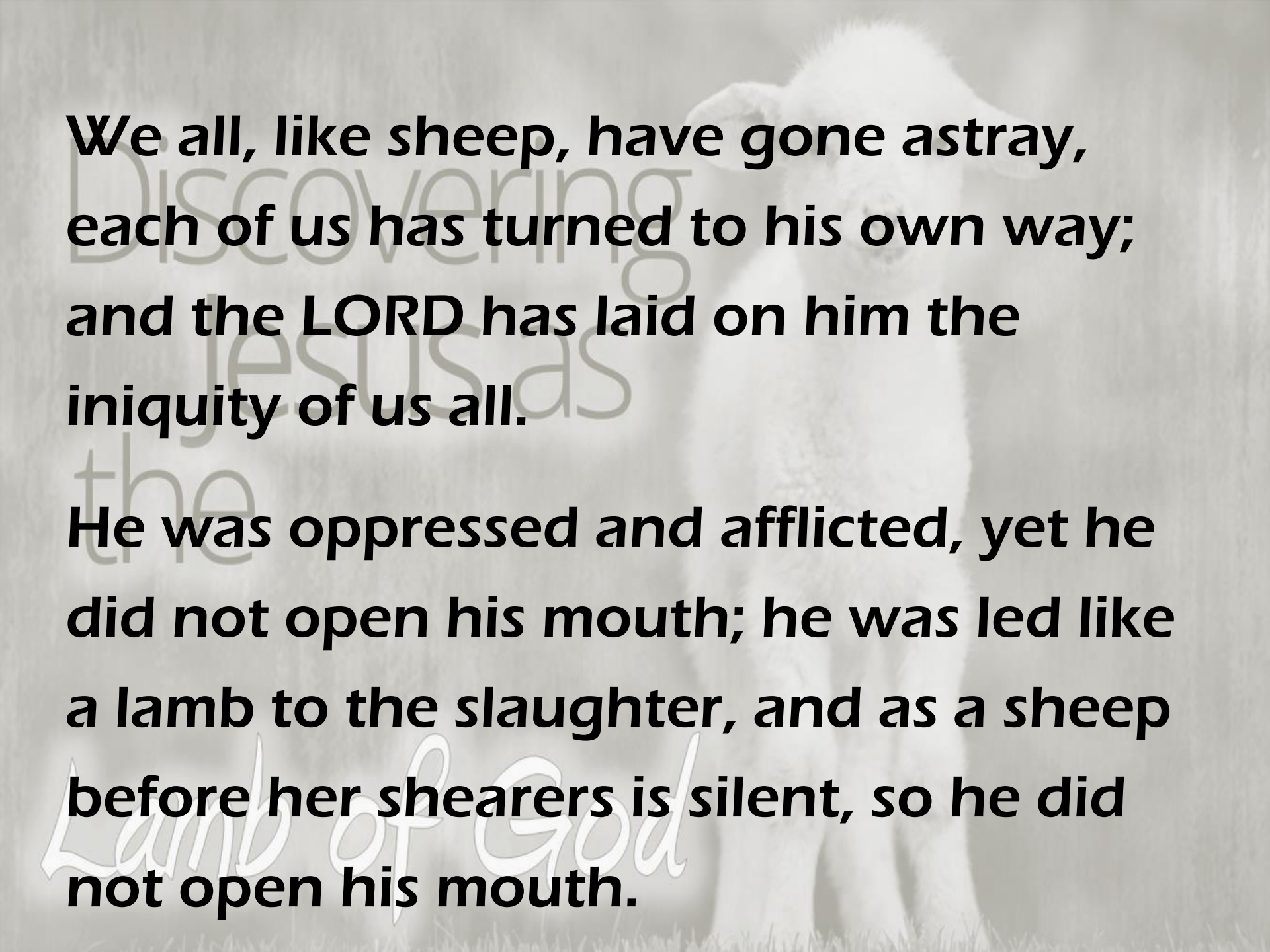
**Like one from whom men hide their
faces he was despised, and we
esteemed him not.**

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**Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows, yet we
considered him stricken by God, smitten
by him, and afflicted.**

**But he was pierced for our
transgressions, he was crushed for our
iniquities; the punishment that brought
us peace was upon him, and by his
wounds we are healed.**



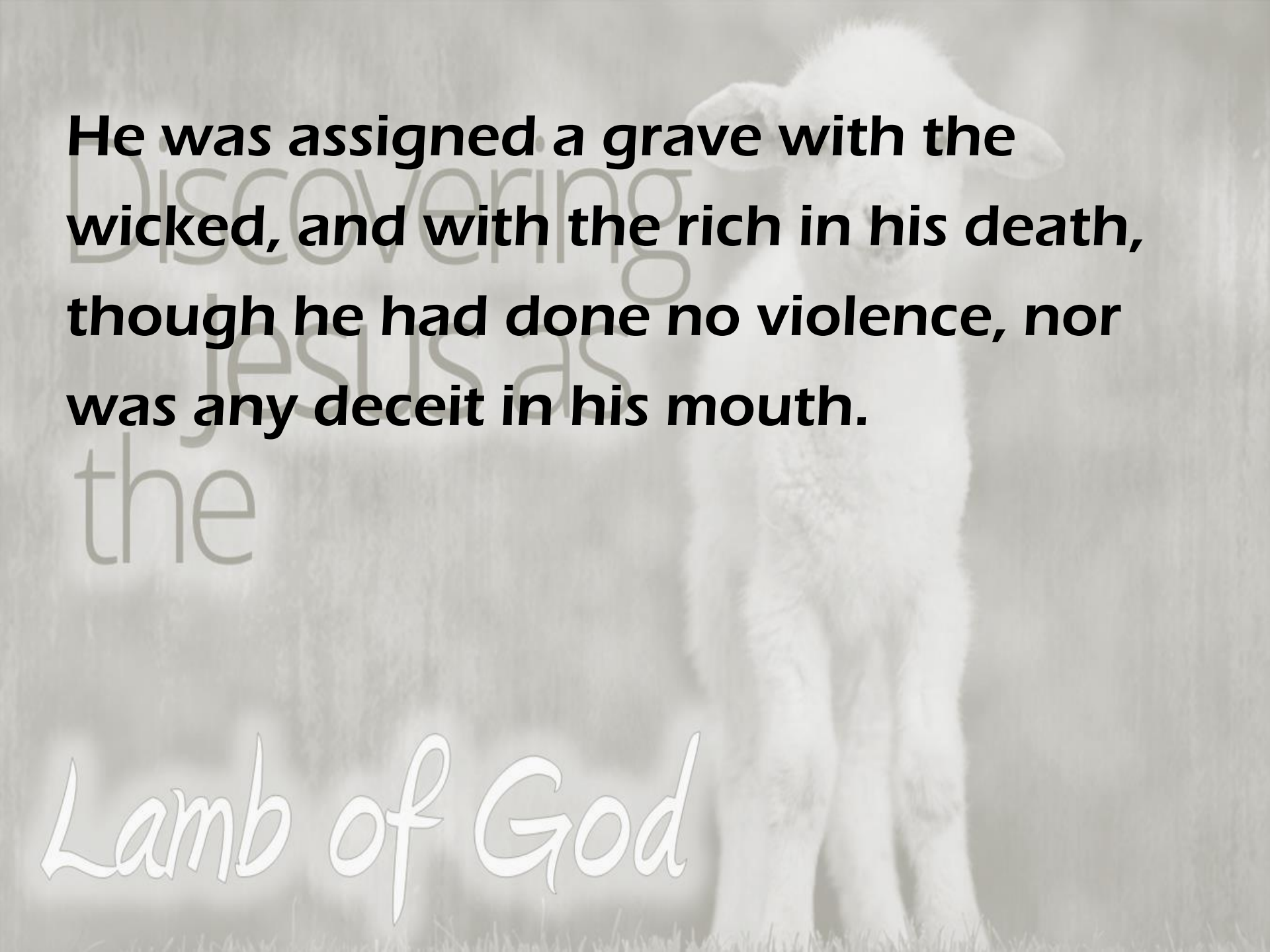
**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the
iniquity of us all.**

**He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he
did not open his mouth; he was led like
a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep
before her shearers is silent, so he did
not open his mouth.**

**By oppression and judgment he was
taken away.**

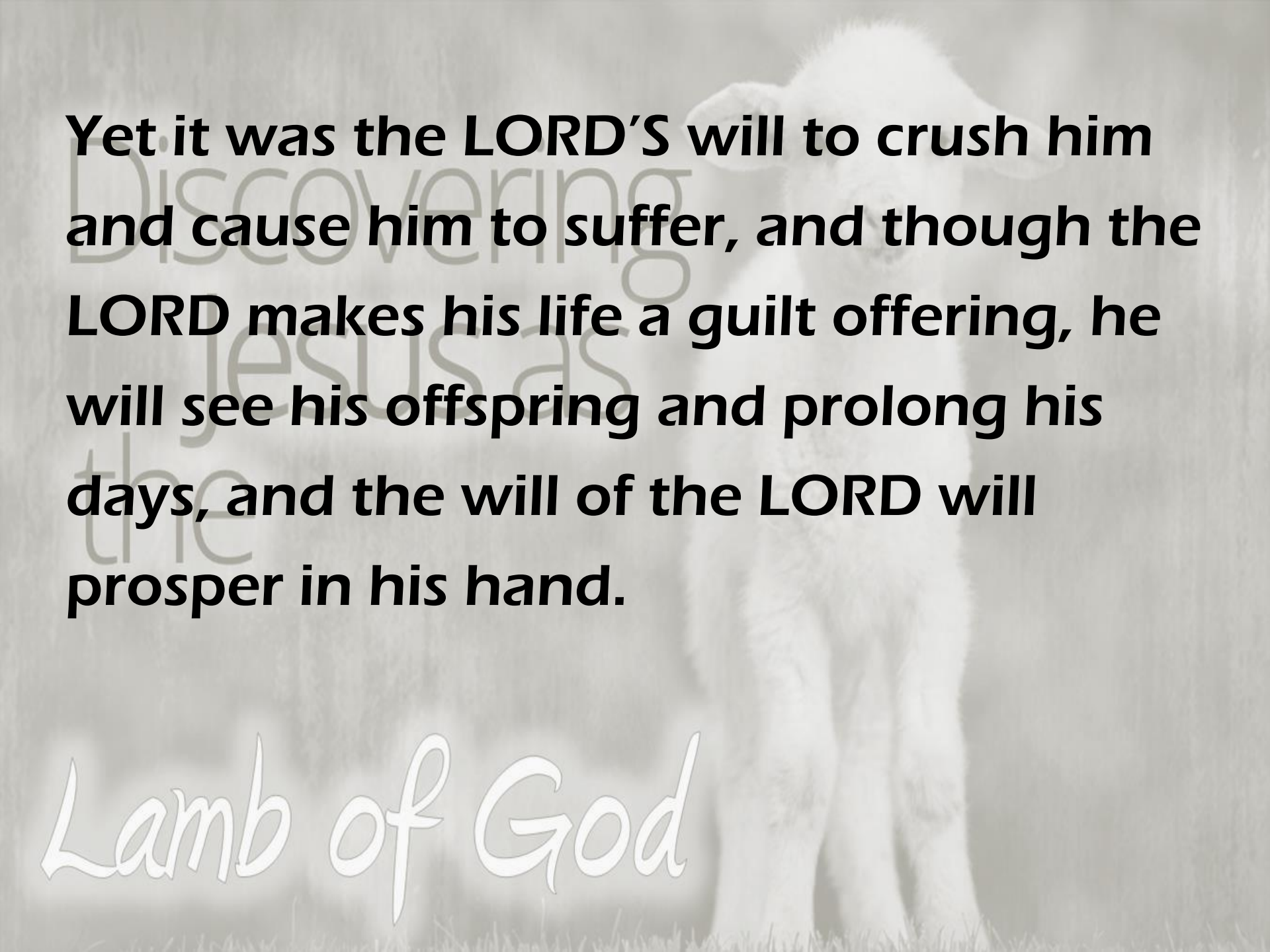
**And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the
living; for the transgression of my
people he was stricken.**

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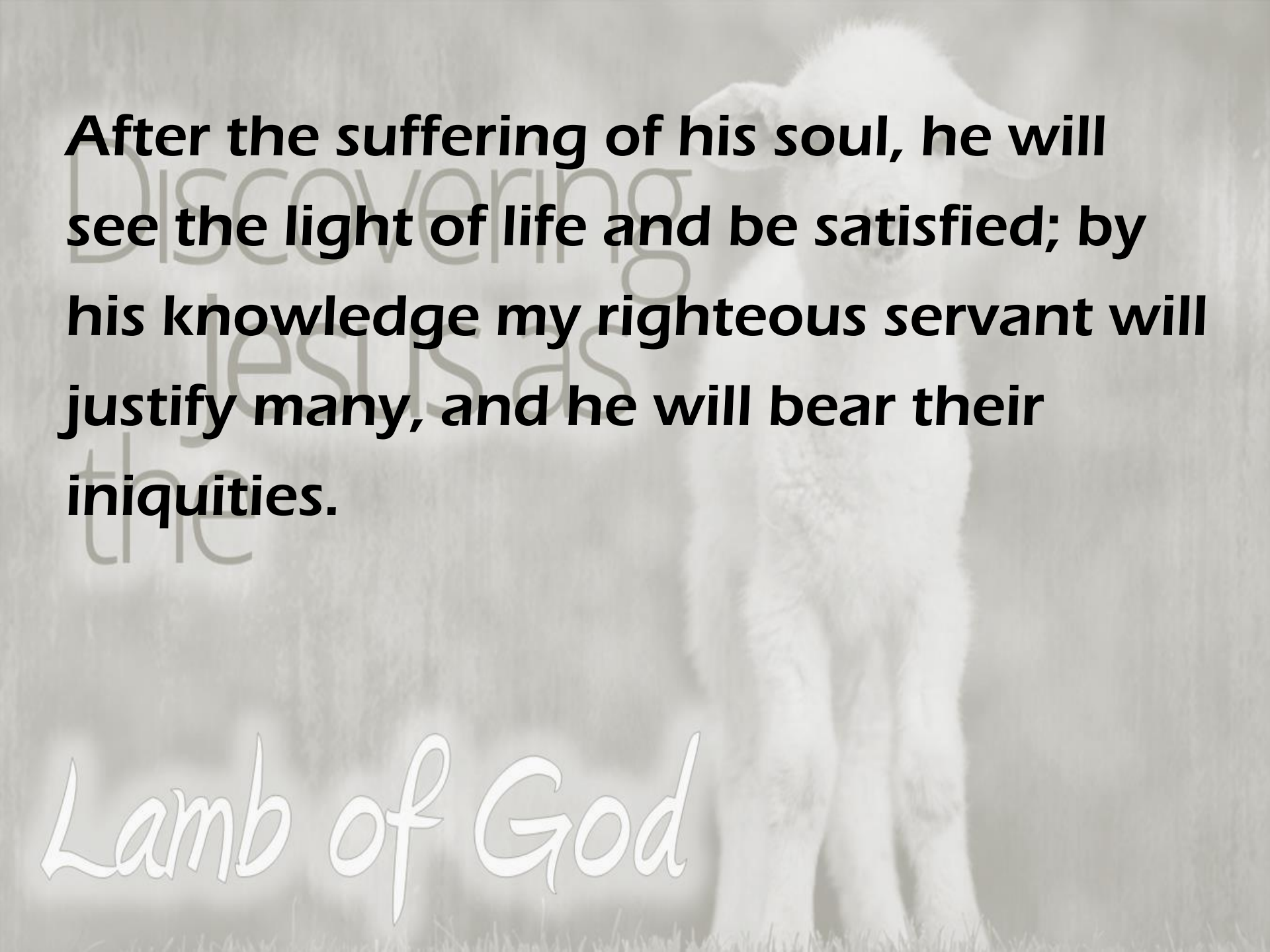
He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

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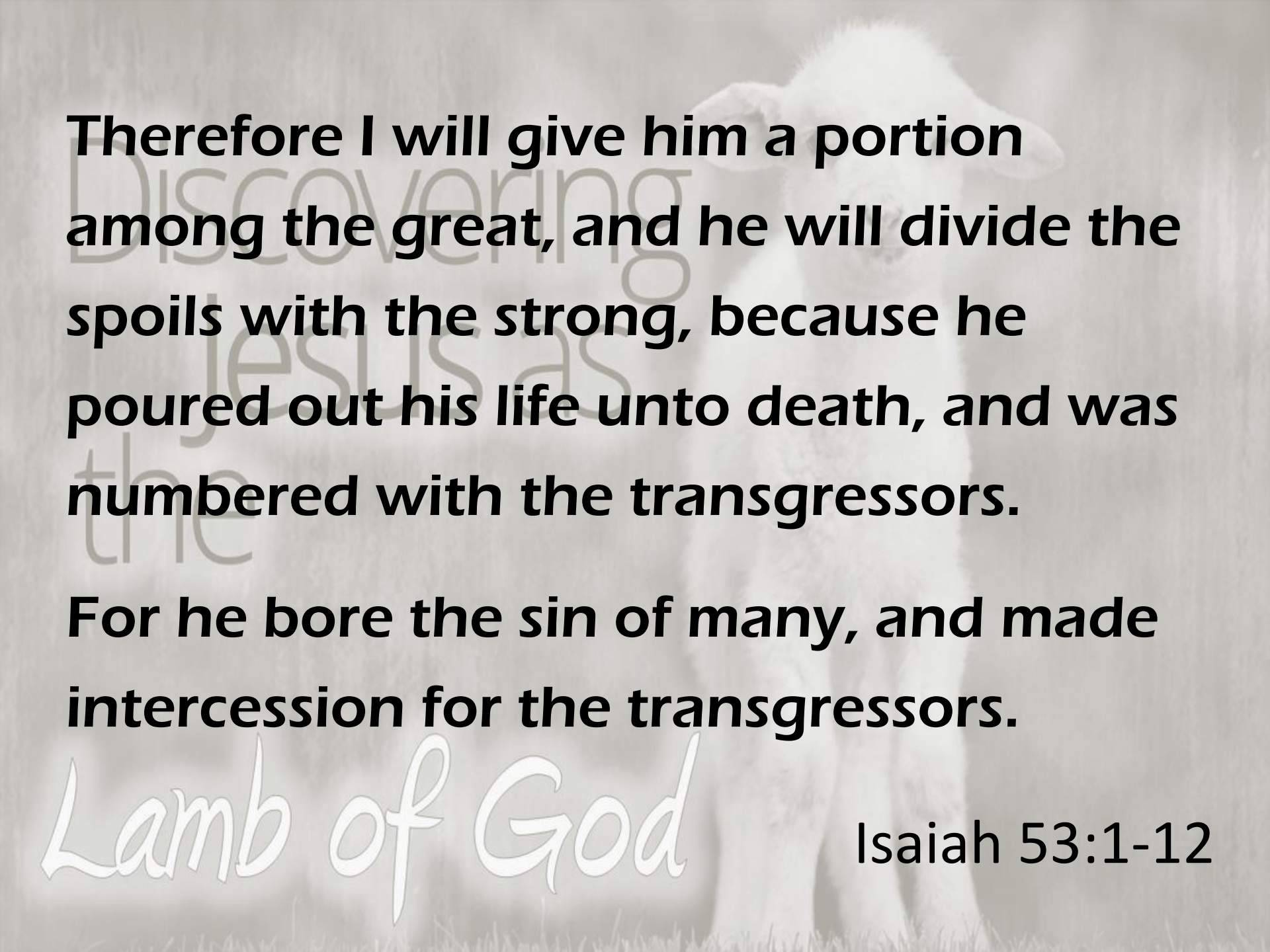
**Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him
and cause him to suffer, and though the
LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he
will see his offspring and prolong his
days, and the will of the LORD will
prosper in his hand.**

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After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

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**Therefore I will give him a portion
among the great, and he will divide the
spoils with the strong, because he
poured out his life unto death, and was
numbered with the transgressors.**

**For he bore the sin of many, and made
intercession for the transgressors.**

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Isaiah 53:1-12



If Jesus wanted to avoid death on the cross, all He had to do was talk, because:

• The **FACTS** were on His side. He hadn't done anything wrong.

The problem wasn't what He'd done, but who He was!



If Jesus wanted to avoid death on the cross, all He had to do was talk, because:

The **LAW** was on His side.

He hadn't broken a Roman law, and the Jews didn't have the legal authority to execute Him.

If Jesus wanted to avoid death on the cross, all He had to do was talk, because:

The **MASSES** of people were on His side. (*Why else was His hearing held in midnight secrecy?*)

All He had to do was to send word that He was being unfairly accused, and He could have led a revolution!

A white lamb is the central focus of the image, standing in a grassy field. The lamb is looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The background is a soft-focus green field. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Jesus didn't talk because He knew He had to go to the cross to fulfill His mission of atonement!

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Jesus' silence points to an
incredible fact:

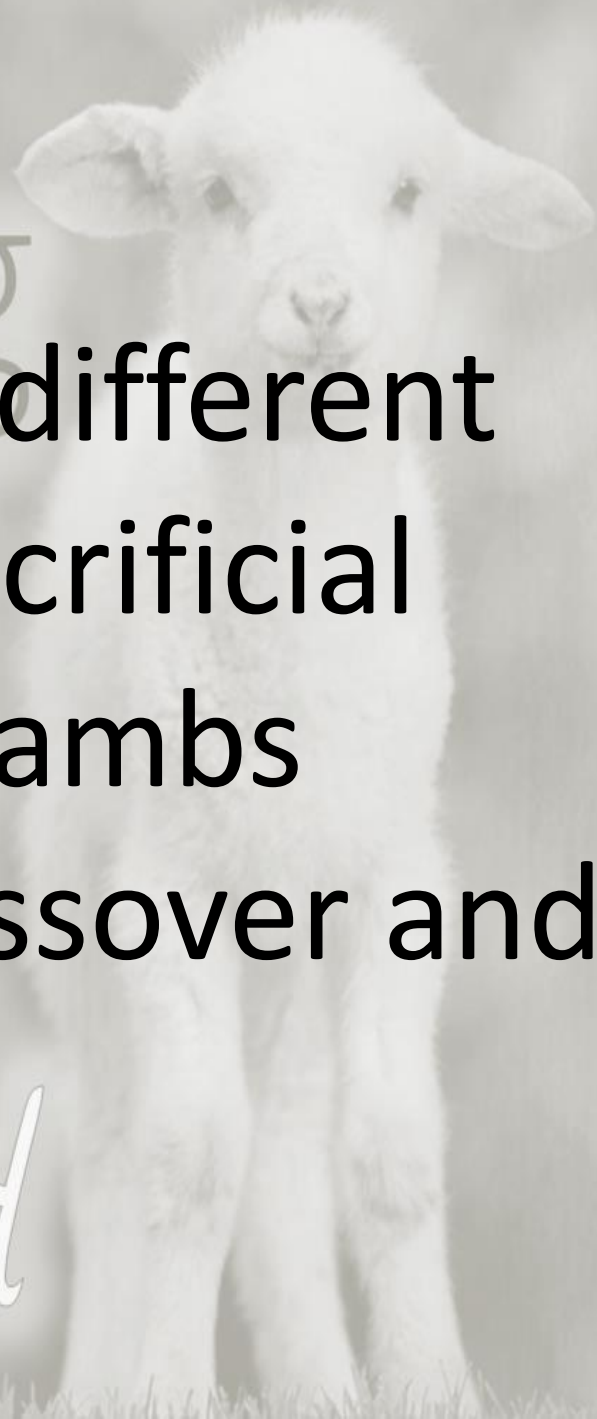
He was **DELIBERATELY** and
VOLUNTARILY choosing to
suffer a horrible death to pay the
price for the sins of others!

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Jesus was a far different
and superior sacrificial
lamb than the lambs
sacrificed at Passover and
other times!

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Jesus was a more:

• **VALUABLE** lamb—He is God Himself!

• **KNOWING** lamb—He was fully aware of His fate, and could have avoided it!

• **WILLING** Lamb—He acted totally out of love for us!

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Conclusion:

One of life's greatest
mysteries is why Jesus is
so much more concerned
about our salvation than

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we are!

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