“V” is for. . . . March 29, 2020

 VIRTUOUS”

In the cross, we see the dazzling glory and grace of our mighty God. It stands in stark and bold contrast over against man’s sin and shame.

**Isaiah 53: 3-12**

1. **The Cross is Vicious**
* Despised and rejected. . .sorrows. . .grief. . .esteemed him not
* Stricken. . .smitten of God. . .afflicted
* Wounded. . .bruised. . .chastisement. . .stripes
* Oppressed. . .afflicted. . .slaughter
* Prison. . .cut off. . .stricken
* Bruise. . .grief. . .travail. . .poured out his soul unto death

Have we forgotten the sheer horrors He endured?

 Temptation – Trial – Taunting – Tribunal – Torture

 Execution

 Matt. 27:45-46 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

 **46**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,

“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” NKJV

Expiration

Lk 23:46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands

I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last. NKJV

1. **The Cross is Virtuous**
* Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows
* Wounded for our transgressions. . .bruised for our iniquities
* He opened not his mouth. . .he had done no violence, neither was there any deceit in his

mouth

 Redemption

 Rom. 5:8-11 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while

we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9**Much more then, having now

been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

**10**For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the

death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**11**And not only *that,* but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have now received the reconciliation. NKJV

Resurrection

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. NKJV

 “Who hath believed our report?”