Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ... and they said, "Barabbas!" Matthew 27:17, 21



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yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,
and by His scourging we are healed.
All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried;

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.