



Joel

# Things Could be Worse

## Part 2

Joel 1:15-2:11



Blow the horn in Zion; sound the alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the residents of the land tremble, for the Day of the LORD is coming; in fact, it is near— a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and dense overcast, like the dawn spreading over the mountains; a great and strong people appears, such as never existed in ages past and never will again in all

the generations to come. A fire destroys in front of them, and behind them a flame devours. The land in front of them is like the Garden of Eden, but behind them, it is like a desert wasteland; there is no escape from them. Their appearance is like that of horses, and they gallop like war horses. They bound on the tops of the mountains. Their sound is like

the sound of chariots, like the sound of fiery flames consuming stubble, like a mighty army deployed for war. Nations writhe in horror before them; all faces turn pale. They attack as warriors attack; they scale walls as men of war do. Each goes on his own path, and they do not change their course. They do not push each other; each man proceeds on his own path.

They dodge the missiles, never stopping. They storm the city; they run on the wall; they climb into the houses; they enter through the windows like thieves. The earth quakes before them; the sky shakes. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars cease their shining. The LORD raises His voice in the presence of His army. His camp is very large; Those who carry

out His command are powerful. Indeed, the  
Day of the LORD is terrible and dreadful—

**WHO CAN ENDURE IT?**

# **Issuing a Storm Warning**

**A warning goes out (v.1)**

**The Day of the Lord is not a good thing (v.2)**

**Between God & an all-consuming fire (v.3)**

**His army of judgment is relentless & utterly  
destructive (v.4-11)**

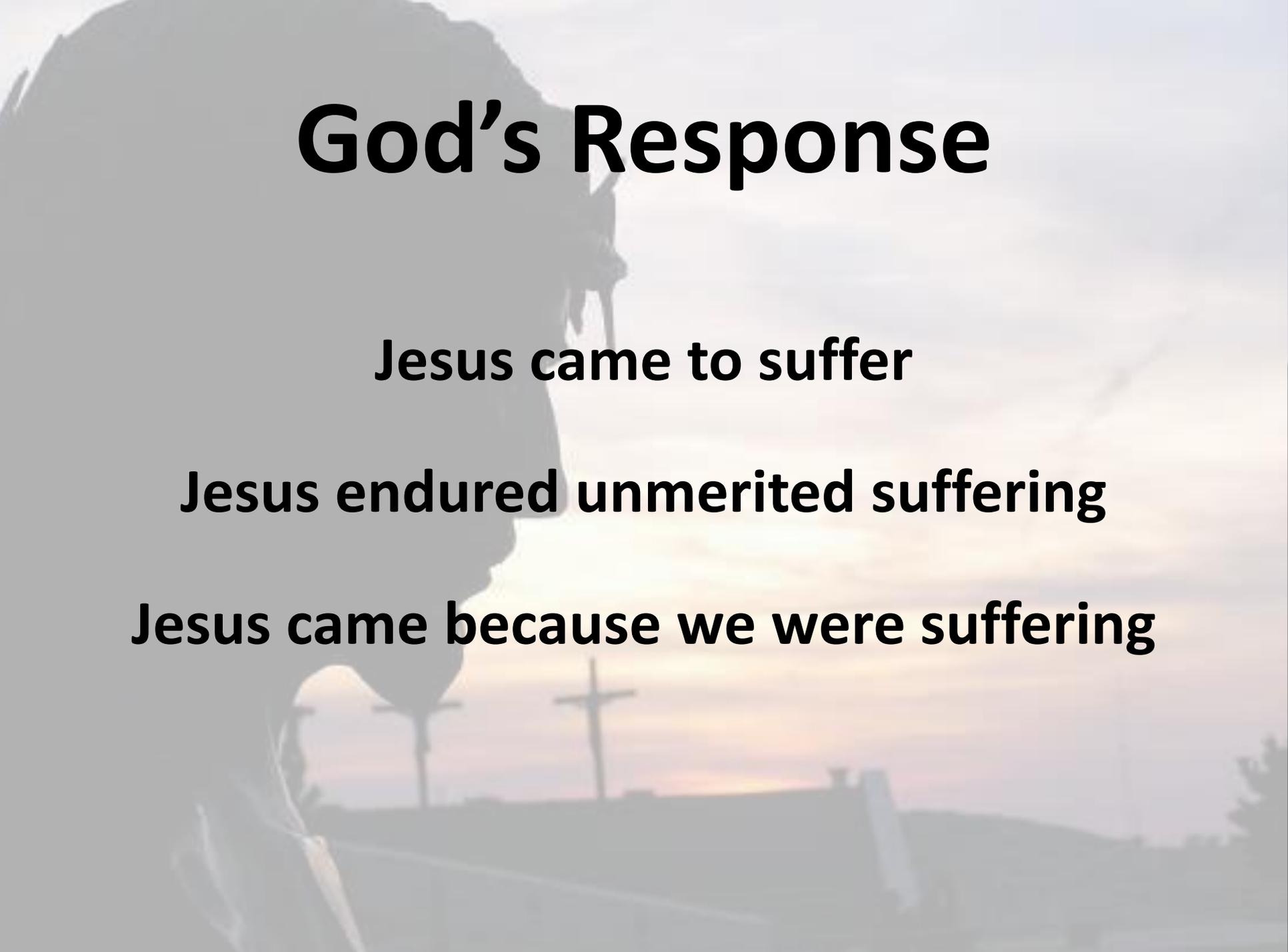
**Who can endure it? (v.11)**

# **God's Response**

**Jesus came to suffer**

**Jesus endured unmerited suffering**

**Jesus came because we were suffering**



# **What About You?**

**Can you diagnosis why suffering is  
happening?**

**Can you endure it?**