

## **God’s Day of Vengeance and Redemption—Isaiah 63:1–6**

### **Open It**

1. Who comes to your mind when you think of a fearsome military leader?
2. What difficult task have you had to do alone because you couldn’t find anyone willing to help?

### **Isaiah 63:1–6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save.”

<sup>2</sup>Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress?

<sup>3</sup>“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.

<sup>4</sup>For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come.

<sup>5</sup>I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me.

<sup>6</sup>I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

### **Explore It**

3. How does Isaiah describe the figure seen approaching Jerusalem? (63:1)
4. In Isaiah’s vision, how does the Lord announce Himself? (63:1)
5. What question does the prophet ask of the approaching ruler? (63:2)
6. What did the stains on God’s garments resemble and what is its source? (63:2)
7. What is clear about what the Lord has done to His enemies in the vision? (63:3)
8. What was the timing involved in the Lord’s wrath? (63:4)
9. Who fought with the Lord to accomplish His purposes? (63:5)
10. What strength did the Lord draw upon to execute judgment? (63:5)
11. What motivated the Lord to “trample” the nations and pour out their blood? (63:6)

### **Get It**

12. Why would God want His people to know about His terrible wrath against unbelievers?
13. What vivid images arise from the idea of God “trampling” the nations?
14. How is God’s overwhelming power emphasized in Isaiah’s vision?
15. How can the knowledge that God is serious about judging the world encourage us to live faithfully for Him?

### **Apply It**

16. How can you encourage someone you know who is currently overwhelmed or discouraged by injustice in the world?