

Series: Messages From the Major Prophets

WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSION ISAIAH 53

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Introduction:

In this passage detailing the coming ministry of the Messiah, Isaiah paints a portrait of Jesus that is unlike that which most artists produce. Often, Jesus is pictured as an outstanding specimen. He is portrayed as possessing exceptional handsomeness and as having features, such as the halo, that cause Him to stand out among men.

Yet, Isaiah says that He will possess no "Comeliness." This means that there will be no splendor, or nothing magnificent about the appearance of Jesus. Isaiah also says that will be no "beauty" about Him that would cause men to flock to Him. "Beauty", here, means "appearance." Isaiah is simply stating that when Jesus walked upon the earth, He did not stand out among

men. When someone saw Jesus here on earth, He just appeared as a normal, run of the mill man.

Jesus was willing to come and live in this world, in poverty, and He was willing to surround Himself with common men and sinners.

Consider some things about His life.

- Born to Peasant Parents
- Born In a Manger, Not a Palace
- His Disciples Were Common Fishermen
- Common People Were His Most Devoted Followers
- His Death Was Among the Condemned

Note:

1. HIS PAIN (VS. 4-5)

Isaiah 53:4-5

⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

A. He Suffered At the Hands of the Soldiers

- Beating

Luke 22:63

⁶³ And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote him.

Psalm 129:3

³ The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

- Scourging

Matthew 27:26

²⁶ Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

- Spitting

Matthew 27:30

³⁰ *And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.*

- Mockery

Matthew 27:26-29

²⁶ *Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.* ²⁷ *Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.* ²⁸ *And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.* ²⁹ *And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!*

- Beard Plucked From His Face

Isaiah 50:6

⁶ *I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.*

- Stripped

Matthew 27:35

³⁵ *And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.*

- Nailed to the Cross

Matthew 27:38

³⁸ *Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.*

John 20:25

²⁵ *The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.*

Note not only His Pain but also:

2. HIS PAYMENT (VS. 6-7; 10-11)

Isaiah 53:6-7

⁶ *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

Isaiah 53:10-11

¹⁰ *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

In dying on the cross, Jesus did what no other could do, He satisfied God's righteous demands for the payment of sin.

In Him, the sinner can find forgiveness for sin!

Psalm 103:12

¹² *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

Isaiah 38:17

¹⁷ Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Jeremiah 50:20

²⁰ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Micah 7:19

¹⁹ He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; ¹⁴ Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

1 John 1:7

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Note not only His Pain and His Payment but also:

3. HIS PLAN (VS. 11)

Isaiah 53:11

¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

This verse tells us that the Messiah's plan is "to justify many." This tells us a little about His plan and about His heart.

This doesn't mean that He only died for a few select individuals. He died for all.

The word "justify" means that to God, it is just as if we were totally sinless. That is, that we had never sinned.

His plan is to justify "Many", this tells us that He wants to see sinners saved.

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward,

not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Close:

The Lord's real beauty is not found in His physical appearance.

It's not found in the wealth He accumulated here on earth.

It was not found in the people He was most closely associated with.

His beauty is found in what He has done for every person.

It is seen in His great love and sacrifice for sinners.

Now, with all this in mind, can you honestly say this morning that you are saved by His grace? Have you been reconciled back to God by His sacrifice?

Those who are Christians today are you sharing this message with those around you?