

“Who Has Believed Our Report?”

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Text: Isa. 53:1-6

- Isaiah gave a beautifully detailed portrait of the Christ 750 years before His birth.
- Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John spoke in past tense of the Savior they knew.
- Isaiah spoke in future tense of One who was yet to come.
- His description of the Messiah is given throughout the book, but it's finest detail is in Isa. 53.
- Isa. 53 proves that we do not think like God - **our thoughts are not His, and His thoughts and ways are higher than ours (Isa. 55:8-9) – Man cannot imagine a Savior like the one Isaiah prophesied.**
- This is why worldly Jews found it difficult to accept Him, and it is why many today have the same problem. Jn. 12:32-41.

The Suffering Servant - “A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (vs. 1-3).

- **He would be a doer of great deeds, but not believed** – Jn. 12:37-38 “*But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?”*”
- Isa. 53:2 “*For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.*” – Ordinary in appearance.
- Born of a virgin (Isa 7:14; Mat 1:23), in Bethlehem, “*little among the thousands of Judah*” (Mic. 5:2; Mat. 2:5-6).
- Not an attention demanding orator - cf. Isa. 42:2-3 “*He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.*” (cf. Mat. 12:17-21)
- **His knowledge and message were compelling** - Mat. 7:28-29 “*And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as*

one having authority, and not as the scribes.” – Jn 7:46 *The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this Man!”*

- **He would be despised and rejected** – Jn. 1:10-11 “*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*”
- **A man of sorrows, acquainted with grief** – Jn, 7:19 “*Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”*

The Sinless Sacrifice - “He was wounded for our transgressions” (vs. 4-6).

- The greatest work of the Christ would be to die for the sake of others.
 - Not to restore the physical Davidic kingdom.
 - His victory would be by means of what others would call defeat.
- Sin is the world’s greatest problem and it required heaven’s greatest sacrifice.T
- The Good Shepherd did for the sheep what they were incapable of doing for themselves - Jn. 10:11 “*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*”
- Rom. 5:6-8 “*For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*”

Decision:

- The Christ was not what the Jews wished Him to be, nor what the world today imagines Him to be, but He is what God willed that He would be - the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53.
- When the Ethiopian treasurer (Acts 8:26-39) understood Isaiah's message, he refused to wait, to be baptized.
- He had learned that the Christ had to suffer and die for him.
- He became persuaded that Jesus of Nazareth was that Christ.
- Not everyone believes Isaiah's report, what about you?

They borrowed a bed to lay His head,
When Christ, My Lord, came down;
They borrowed an ass from the mountain pass,
For Him to ride to town,
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore were
His own.

He borrowed a ship in which to sit,
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed a nest in which to rest,
He had never a home so rude,
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore were
His own.

He borrowed a room on the way to the tomb,
The Passover lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet,
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore were
His own.
The cross was His own.