

“Who Has Believed Our Report?”

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Text: Isa. 53:7-12

- Isaiah's portrait of the Messiah is painted throughout the book, but it's finest detail is in chapter 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).
- The Suffering Servant and the Sinless Sacrifice.
- Man could never have contrived a Savior like the one Isaiah prophesied.
- This is why the worldly Jews found Him so difficult to accept, and it is why the world today has the same problem. Jn. 12:32-41.

The Meek and Lowly - “As a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth” (vs. 7-9). Cf. Mat. 26:63 (The passage the Ethiopian eunuch sought to understand Acts 8:32-33)

- The divine characteristic of meekness arises from humility.
- Moses - Num 12:3 “(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)”
- Jesus - Mat 21:5 “TELL THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, 'BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, LOWLY, AND SITTING ON A DONKEY, A COLT, THE FOAL OF A DONKEY.' ”
- Christians - Mat 5:5 “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.”
 - Meekness is said to be “patience in the reception of injuries;” self-restraint.
 - Not a quality that was generally respected in the ancient world, nor is it now.
- The Lord showed his greatest restraint when falsely accused, imprisoned, tried and condemned. (Lk. 23:1-25)
 - E.g. Sodom & Gomorrah (De. 29:23); Israel’s murmuring in the wilderness (Num. 11); Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-6).
 - Mat. 26:51-54 after restoring the severed ear of the high priest's servant, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”
- Mat. 11:29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Isa. 53:9 “And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death” cf. Mat. 27:38, 57-60.

- The Lord neither lived, nor died, nor was buried as the world presumes of greatness - no great tomb or monument.
- Lk. 9:58 “And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.”
- Soldiers gambled for His clothing - the only thing we know of that He ever owned. Jn. 19:23-24.
- Crucified between two thieves, and buried in another man's tomb. Mk. 15:27, 43-46.
- His glory was achieved when He was raised from the dead.

Exalted in Eternity - “Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great” (vs. 10-13).

- It was necessary for the Christ to suffer and be raised from the dead on the third day (Lk. 24:45-47).
- We may not understand why “without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb. 9:22).
- But we do understand that it was the will of God - Gal. 1:4-5 “Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”
- Raised by God to sit exalted at His right hand (Acts 2:32-33).
- Given all authority in heaven and on earth (Mat. 28:18). “Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him” (1 Pet. 3:22).

Decision:

- The Christ was not what the Jews would have had Him to be, nor what the world today would have Him to be.
- He was and is what God willed that He would be - the Suffering Servant, the Sinless Sacrifice, the Meek and Lowly, and the Exalted Lord of Isaiah 53.
- When the Ethiopian treasurer of Acts 8:26-39 understood Isaiah's message, he could not wait, refused to wait, to be baptized.
- He learned that the Messiah had been prophesied to suffer and die for him.
- He learned, and was persuaded, that Jesus of Nazareth was that Messiah.
- Yet, 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.