Behold, My Servant – Isaiah 53

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INTRODUCTION

- All the Old Testament points to Jesus.
- Beginning around Isaiah 40 and 41, this book has introduced the servant of the Lord, God's servant.
- Sometimes a servant is Israel, sometimes a servant is a remnant within Israel who's going to win the nation back to God.

1 Unimpressive in His Appearance

Isaiah 53:2; 1 Samuel 9:1–2; 1 Samuel 16:12

- One of the things the text says is this servant would be unimpressive in his appearance.
- He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to him.
- He doesn't draw us to him by the way he looks.

2 Despised and Forsaken of Men

Isaiah 53:3

- He was despised and forsaken of men. A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And like one from whom men hide their faces.
- Maybe because he looks so hideous, or because no one wanted to be identified with him, they hide their face from him.
- He was despised. And we did not esteem him.

3 He Suffered Intensely

Isaiah 53:5; Isaiah 53:7; Isaiah 53:10

- And this servant who is described in Isaiah 53 suffered intensely. Beyond my ability to relate.
- He's pierced, he's crushed, he's chastened, he's scourged.
- The text tells us in verse 7, he was oppressed and he was afflicted. He was mistreated horribly.
- It tells us the Lord was pleased to crush him, putting him to grief.

4 Totally Innocent, Suffering for Us

Isaiah 53:4; Isaiah 53:9; Isaiah 53:6

- We thought he was smitten of God. We thought God is judging him and God is giving him what he deserved.
- This servant did not deserve what he was getting. This servant was totally innocent.
- In verse 9, the text tells us he had done no violence, nor was any deceit found in his mouth.
- Our griefs he himself bore, and our sorrows he carried.

- All of these emphasize to us that this servant was innocent, and he was suffering for what we had done that was wrong.

5 He Suffered Absolutely Without Protest

Isaiah 53:7; Genesis 4:9–13

- And he suffered absolutely without protest.
- Have you ever protested your suffering? Have you ever complained about your suffering?
- He protested when he was guilty.

6 High and Lifted Up: This One Is God

Isaiah 52:13; Isaiah 6:1; Isaiah 57:15

- Behold, my servant will prosper. He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.
- In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted.
- This servant is described in terms that are only used to describe God in the book of Isaiah.
- And Philip opened his mouth and from that same scripture preached to him Jesus.
- Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of this passage.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **You know what I hope your response is to this lesson? I hope your response is the same of the Ethiopian eunuch when he heard Philip preach about Jesus. See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?**

MY NOTES