Isaiah 53

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INTRODUCTION

- Perhaps this reading is more often read than any other when talking about the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Isaiah 53 would have been written something like at least 750 years prior to this.
- Fulfilled prophecy is one of the strongest proofs that the Bible is not the word of men, but is in fact the word of God itself.

1 The Suffering in His Body

Isaiah 52:13–15; Psalm 22:16–18; Matthew 12:20

- His visage was marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men.
- They pierce my hands and my feet. They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
- So much blood had fallen from his back that when they placed the cross on him, to bear it to the place of crucifixion, that he staggered and he fell beneath the weight of the cross.
- Had he refused to go through this crucifixion, he could have stopped it. But his prayer was, Thy will be done, not mine.
- What we see is a gentle, yielded, humble, suffering Lord Jesus.

2 The Suffering in His Heart

Isaiah 53:1–3; John 1:11; Zechariah 13:7

- He shall grow up before him as a tender plant, as a root out of a dry ground, and he has no form or comeliness.
- He was dressed like a peasant, he lived like a peasant, he walked like a peasant.
- He came to his own, and his own did not receive him.
- The very people that God had blessed through all these years rejected him.
- Our Lord didn't deserve the stripes, not any of them. He had done no wrong.
- His own did not receive him. He was mocked and ridiculed by those who should have loved him. And his own forsook him and fled.

3 The Suffering in His Soul

Isaiah 53:6–11; Acts 2:23; Romans 3:26

- The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. The sins of the whole world were heaped upon his soul in a way that is known only to God.
- He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

- Who himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, having died to sin might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.
- You and I sit here today with hope, with a promise of forgiveness, because God planned it. So in that sense, it pleased the Lord to bruise him.
- The penalty for sin is paid, God is just. But he's also the justifier of those who would come in simple faith and trust in him.

THE CHALLENGE

If you believe Jesus to be the Son of God who died for you, then repenting of your sins, with that faith, confessing your faith in him, be buried by baptism into his death.

MY NOTES