

Oh, What a Savior

Text: Isaiah 53:7-12

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I. The Complete Submission of the Servant (Isa. 53:7-9).

****Christ's Patience**

Jesus Christ did not once argue when accused of wrongdoing by the priests or questioned by Pilate. When questioned by Herod He said nothing (Luke 23:9). On the cross the only words recorded are those of a Servant on a Mission. Christ's words were to the point and carefully chosen. He truly went willingly and voluntarily to the cross, through the suffering, the Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep (John 10:11).

****Christ's Pain**

In the end the one who should have been crucified went free and the one who was pure and innocent was placed on a cross and killed.

What the people saw was a blasphemer and someone deserving of the death penalty. But in all actuality they were the reasons He suffered. They were the reasons He bled. They were the reasons He died. And so were we. We are guilty. We are deserving of death. "He was the Servant who came to reveal God and His redemptive love. . ." yet He was stricken for them.

****Christ's Place of Burial**

In His painful death, the Lord Jesus was buried as a rich man. At this point, His glorification and exaltation began. Isaiah now tells that this Servant was buried in this manner because His character and life's actions were without violent deeds or deceitful words. His life, His words, His actions all permeated the life of perfect innocence. He never once acted like a guilty criminal because He was a man different from all other men. He did not fail in His mission or work so His Father made certain to give Him a noble burial.

II. The Reason for the Suffering (Isa. 53:10a).

God delighted in this entire plan and the steep cost. The God-ordained suffering, the perfect actions, and the fully-paid price were done on our behalf!

First, we see that the Servant's crushing and His death were in the hands of God.

Second, the delight that the Lord had was not in the suffering and death of the Servant.

The delight came from the accomplishment of His will, the obedience of His Son, and the completion of the work of dying for the sins of the guilty world.

III. The Perfect Sacrifice and Reward (Isa. 53:10b-11)

The victory is alone the Servant's and through it Israel will prosper and the nations will be blessed (Isa. 49:6). He has been exalted back to Heaven and is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will occupy the throne one day and through His suffering and sacrifice He has gained the right to open the scroll of God's plan for redemption for the ages (Rev. 5:1ff). He will in the future prevail over all enemies. He has given the saints power to overcome the enemy on the basis of His shed blood for He alone is their sacrifice (Rev. 12:11). The Servant, our Savior, the Jewish Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Immanuel, is truly the pleasure of Jehovah and continues for ever to prosper in the Lord's hand!

IV. The Servant's Reward (Isa. 53:12)