

Introduction:

1. With what's taking place in Europe with Russia at war with Ukraine, we all can appreciate the freedoms we have in America.
2. Our theme is "Freed from Sin, Servants to God." This morning, I want us to consider the cost of our salvation from sin. Our study will come from Isaiah 53. This chapter could be called "The Gospel in the Old Testament." Isaiah speaks of the Suffering Messiah and the events surrounding His death as if they were happening at that time. This was a prophecy of what happen more than 700 years later. Let's learn about Jesus and the cost of our salvation from Isaiah 53?

The Lesson:

I. His Grief (Isaiah 53:1-3)

- A. Isaiah 53:1 speaks of the Messiah and those who would not believe in Him.
 1. This passage is quoted by the apostle John in John 12:37-41 and Paul, Romans 10:16.
 2. Despite the numerous miracles Jesus performed, many did not believe in Him. Isaiah then is speaking of the ministry of Jesus and how people would respond to Him and John the Baptist, John 1:11. What about us? Will we believe in the suffering Messiah?
 3. The arm of the Lord is figurative language speaking of the strength of God that would be revealed through Jesus.
- B. Isaiah 53:2 speaks of the time in which Jesus would live. We see God keeps His promises.
 1. One commentator suggests this idea of how Jesus would grow like a tender shoot out of parched ground points the religious and spiritual environment during His life.
 - a. There was wicked Herod, Matthew 2:13.
 - b. There were the hypocritical Sadducees and Pharisees, Matthew 23:1-2.
 - c. Wicked Rome ruled over God's people as well.
 2. Jesus in the fullness of time would come to earth in these days, Galatians 4:4.
 3. There's little emphasis upon what Jesus looked like in the Old or New Testament.
 4. Rather, they emphasize that there wouldn't be a lot of physical attraction to Him. He wouldn't have had a huge Instagram following because of wash board abs, workout videos, or His nice smile. People are attracted to others by their appearance. While many may not want to admit it, we can if not careful judge people by their appearance (clothes, body, etc.).
 5. When it comes to Jesus, the focus was on **His words** and **His works** of the Father.
 6. Others have suggested this has nothing to do with His physical appearance, but rather "The appearance of the servant was such that man, judging from a wrong perspective, would completely misjudge him." Question: What attracts us to Jesus?
- C. Isaiah 53:3 is where we begin to see the cost of our salvation.

1. *Despised*: This means to hold in contempt. To have little value or worth. This is how His enemies treated Him, John 8:41, 48.
2. *Forsaken or Rejected*: His people often rejected Him, John 1:11; Matthew 13:54-57.
3. He was acquainted with grief and sorrows. This sorrow would be the result of sinful man. Jesus came to save sinners, Matthew 1:23. Seeing the sin of the people would create such grief and sorrow. Do we sorrow and grieve over our sins?
4. *We did not esteem Him*. There was little interest in Him. Eventually, there would be death.

II. His Suffering (Isaiah 53:4-6)

- A. Verse 4: It would be Jesus who would carry our griefs and sorrows.
 1. This text is quoted in Matthew 8:17 after Jesus had performed some miracles. He did see the physical griefs and sorrows of people. He did heal many. But why didn't Jesus just heal everyone? He could have done that in an instant.
 2. Because there was another kind of grief and sorrow that needed to be healed. This is with respect to sin. He came to be the propitiation for our sins.
- B. And yet Isaiah is emphasizing how some viewed Jesus' death because of His sins.
 1. Notice in *Verse 5* Isaiah says, "But" denoting a contrast. Jesus would be wounded for our sins. On His head, His back, His hands, His feet, His side, His body! God allowed Him to suffer for the sins of the world. And He would suffer. Now we're seeing the cost.
 2. Pierced, crushed (Bruised denoting the emotional and spiritual suffering), and Scourging remind us of the price for our sins (transgressions, iniquities), not HIS, John 19:37.
 3. "The chastening (punishment) for our well-being (peace) fell upon Him." Why did He die? For our well-being and for us to have peace with God, Romans 5:1. Because of His scourging (beating we are healed). There's great focus on physical healing. But the healing that will matter for eternity is spiritual healing. To be made straight, to be made right, made whole.
 4. Verse 6: Jesus died for all because all will eventually sin, Romans 3:23. This is reason to come to Him. This verse is a great definition of iniquity or sin. Sin is turning away from God's way, going astray.

III. His Death and Burial (Isaiah 53:7-9)

- A. The suffering Messiah was also one who submitted to the Father. So should we.
 1. Verse 7: Jesus was referred to as a Lamb, John 1:29. This is the passage the Ethiopian Eunuch was reading in Acts 8. We see more suffering of Jesus. We see these verses foretold by Isaiah in action, Matthew 27:11-14; Luke 23:9.
 2. Verse 8: "By oppression and judgment He was taken away." Everything about the trial of Jesus was wrong, bad, biased, and unfair. Three times Pilate said He found no guilt in Him, John 18:38, John 19:4,6.
- B. He was cut off out of the land speaks to His death and burial.

1. Others like Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 spoke about His death. Peter did in Acts 2:21-24. Why did He die? It was for our transgressions.
2. Verse 9: Isaiah speaks about the tomb of Jesus. This passage is interesting. Jesus died between two criminals. More often or not He would have been buried in the same place as these criminals. And yet His Father would provide for Him. In Matthew 27:57-60 we see a rich man named Joseph who was a disciple of Jesus. He received an honorable burial.

IV. His Victory and Reward (Isaiah 53:10-12)

- A. He died and was buried. But that was not the end of Jesus. He would be raised from the grave!
 1. Verse 10: In what way was the Father pleased? This was a part of God's plan, Acts 2:23. God's plan was being accomplished. In this sense He was pleased that Jesus would become a means of redemption for our sins through pain we could never imagine.
 2. His sacrifice was the perfect sacrifice to appease God and to please Him. Through His sacrifice, we've been sanctified by His death, Hebrews 10:10.
- B. And yet He would be risen from the grave.
 1. "He will see His offspring" points to His spiritual descendants by faith. Galatians 4:4-7.
 2. "He will prolong His days" speaks of His resurrection, John 20:1-7; Revelation 1:17-18.
 3. "The good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand." It is Christ who is victorious. It is Christ who is seated at the right hand of God, with all power and authority.
- C. Verse 11: Again, we are reminded of the anguish Jesus endured for us.
 1. "As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it (the light of life in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Septuagint) and be satisfied.
 2. Isaiah says, "By His knowledge the Righteous One my Servant will justify the many.
 3. By His knowledge (or by knowledge of him) seems to be referring to people who come to have knowledge of Jesus, who He is, and what He can provide, John 6:44-45.
 4. It's only through Jesus that we can come to the Father, Isaiah 54:13; John 6:44-45.
 5. Jesus was righteous and a servant to the Father. He came to justify us (not guilty, forgiven).
- D. Verse 12: Here we see the reward of Jesus.
 1. The Father has given Him an exalted position. Jesus reigns in heaven.
 2. He is victorious over the Devil. Jesus is stronger than the devil, Luke 11:21-22; John 12:31.
 3. He has defeated the devil, Hebrews 2:14-15. Satan had nothing in Him, John 14:30.

Conclusion:

1. Through Jesus we have salvation. The cost of our salvation was His life!
2. Our salvation through Him was foretold by the prophets. It came to pass just as the Father said it would. It will serve us well to consider this cost. It's reason for us to flee sin. It's reason for us to forgive others as He has forgiven us. It's reason for us to be grateful. It's reason for us to be joyful. It's reason for us to mourn over our sins.