
SERMON OUTLINE

The Reason Christ Suffered

Isaiah 53:1-9

Note: Isaiah's prophecy 700 years before Christ is written from the perspective of believing Jews in the early church (Acts).

1. Our Savior's Humanity – As a man Jesus was unrecognized, unimpressive and rejected (Isaiah 53:1-3).
 - A. The message that Jesus Christ had the power of eternal salvation was believed by few (verse 1; John 1:12).
 - B. Jesus came unimpressively like a normal man (2).
 - C. Jesus was despised, rejected, abused and considered a nobody by His people (3; Mark 9:12-13).

2. Our Savior's Sacrifice: Jesus came to bear the penalty of sin we deserved (Isaiah 53:4-6).
 - A. Although carrying our guilt, it appeared as if Jesus was punished by God for his own sin (4).
 - B. Actually Jesus was punished for our sin so we could have peace with God and eternal "healing" (5).
 - C. We all sin and deserve punishment, but God punished Jesus instead of us (6).

3. Our Savior's Willingness: Jesus submitted to death although he was the sinless Savior (Isaiah 53:7-9).
 - A. As Jesus was falsely accused, he did not object or resist crucifixion (7-8a).
 - B. As Jesus died in disgrace, people did not understand the sacrificial reason (8b; Acts 8:32-35).
 - C. Although they intended to bury him as a criminal, he was buried with dignity (9).

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