

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The Humiliation and Exaltation of the LORD's Servant" Part 2

Text: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Theme: The most powerful person in the universe was abused, marred, and persecuted such that He was not recognized as the LORD's Servant. But if you come to this Servant, to Christ Jesus, you will be sprinkled with the power of His life-transforming work, a work borne from weakness.

I. The Servant Will Astonish (52:13-15)

II. The Servant Will Be _____ (53:1-3)

III. The Servant Will Be _____ for _____
(53:4-6)

IV. The Servant's Punishment Will Be _____ (53:7-9)

V. The Servant Will Make _____ _____ (53:10-12)

VI. Applications

A. The _____ of the Gospel is the _____ death of Christ on behalf of those who _____ in Him.

B. Jesus, the LORD's Servant, acted as the _____ and _____ for the people He _____.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 55:1-13

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Who will “act wisely”? What does this mean? (v. 13a)?
2. To what does the Servant’s being “high and lifted up, and exalted” point (v. 13b)?
3. How will people react and respond to the LORD’s Servant (v. 14a)?
4. What is the description of the Servant’s appearance and form that elicits this reaction (v. 14b)?
5. What is the issue of interpretation between verses 14 and 15?
6. What will the Servant do for the nations? What does this mean (v. 15a)?
7. What is a proposed understanding of the word translated as “sprinkle”?
8. What are the reasons for the word in v. 15a to be translated as “sprinkle”?
9. Who will be speechless before the LORD’s Servant (v. 15b)?
10. What will the nations see and understand which they did not previously (v. 15b)?
11. Do we know who the Servant of the LORD is? If so, who is he?
12. How do people reject the exaltation of the Servant of the LORD?
13. What worldly ideas of power and influence are attributed to Jesus that do not square with the Biblical portrait of His Messianic work?
14. How does Christ Jesus “sprinkle” people?
15. Why is the cross a true “scandal,” and how is the presentation of the Gospel frequently divested of this scandal?
16. In what way(s) is the death of Christ the “heart” of the Gospel?
17. Why do some consider the substitutionary death of Christ immoral? What do such people fail to understand?
18. In addition to being our substitute, what additional covenantal concept does Christ fulfill as the Servant who suffers? What word in the text alludes to this idea and rules out universal salvation?