

# The Servant of the Lord – 4<sup>th</sup> Song

Sermon 5 in the Isaiah Mini-Series

## Isaiah 52:13-53:12

**52:13** – Behold My Servant (same as 42:1)

Three things about this servant

1. He will deal prudently
2. He will be exalted
3. He will be risen to the highest glory

**52:14** – God speaks directly to His Servant and then speaks about him again.

**52:15** – Many scholars prefer “startle” instead of “sprinkle”.

NET Translation

<sup>15</sup>*so now he will startle many nations.*

*Kings will be shocked by his exaltation  
for they will witness something unannounced to them,  
and they will understand something they had not heard about.*

## Isaiah 53 – READ 1-3

**v.1** -- Israel waited so long for their Messiah and when he came – he received only a slight and fleeting measure of fame.

**v.2** – A twig – dry ground.

He didn't come to fertile soil.

He didn't come to a world looking for God.

Humble beginnings – no one paid attention to his royal ancestry

**v. 3** – By the end of his life, he was rejected by almost everyone – including his own scattered disciples.

He was a man of sorrows.

The greatest sorrow he endured was watching the ravages of sin on all creation and the spiritual bondage of men and women.

**v. 4** – People wrongly assumed that God was punishing Jesus.  
They weren't totally wrong.  
God was punishing Jesus on our behalf.  
We thought he was being stricken, smitten and afflicted by God for his own sins.

**v. 5** -- The contrast is between the HIM and US.

The **wounds** of v. 5 – are the piercings he endured.  
A strong word – more than just injury -- fatal wounds causing death.

The **bruises** of v. 5 are the crushing blows delivered by the soldiers.

The **stripes** of v. 5 are the whips that cut into His back (see Isa. **50:6**)

**v. 6** -- He was our substitute.

He lifts up, meets, and carries our greatest needs – v. 4

He pays for the sins of all those who trust in Him – v. 5

He did for us what we could not and would not do for ourselves – v. 6

To be continued