

Sermon Notes



Title: "The Gospel in Isaiah: The Humiliation and Exaltation of the LORD's Servant" Part 1

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 _____ (52:13-15)

A. The Lord's Servant Will Be _____ (13)

B. But Before This, People Will Be _____ by the Servant (14-15)

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 _____ Many _____ (53:10-12)

VI. Applications

A. No one can be a follower of Christ who _____ the _____ of Jesus.

B. Our views of _____ must not be framed by the world's notions of _____ and _____.

C. The Gospel must never be _____ of the _____ of Christ because if it is, the Gospel morphs into a message of _____ by _____.

Next Week Read: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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?