

Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant
Isaiah 53.3 Despised August 7th, 2011

v3a ~ “He is despised and rejected by men”

- The world hated Jesus
 - **Jn 7.7** ~ “The world hates me because I testify that its works are evil”
 - **Jn 15.24** ~ Jesus said of those that saw His miracles, “they have seen and hated both Me and my Father” that the Word might be fulfilled
 - **Ps 69.4** ~ “Those who hate me without cause are more than hairs of my head”
- And the world still hates Jesus (is despised)

v3b ~ “A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”

- Several gospel references speak to the sorrow of Jesus
 - **Lk 19.41** ~ Just after His triumphal entry to Jerusalem He wept over the city
 - **Read Jn 11.32-38a** ~ Note that Jesus wept and groaned
 - In Gethsemane (**Mt 26.38**) “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death”
 - Of that same experience **Luke** wrote in **22.44**
 - “.. being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood”

v3c ~ “And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him”

- Note switch to personal plural pronouns (we and our) ~ It’s not them now, it’s us
- **John 1.11** reads , “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him”
- Nobody remained true to Him that night in Gethsemane ~ all ran away
- Jesus had foretold this at the Last Supper ~ but all had denied it (*Peter especially*)

v3d ~ “He was despised, and we did not esteem Him”

- Jesus was despised / rejected by men ~ and not esteemed by us

Read Ps 22.6 and 22-24

**Man despised and rejected Jesus ~ Even His own hid their faces from Him
The Father neither despised nor hid his His face from Him ~ but He did reject Him
There is no record in Scripture of Jesus having laughed
Jesus did not laugh – but wept – so that we could laugh and not weep**