

Jesus Christ: His Death

Text: Isaiah 53:1-6

Introduction:

1. **1 Corinthians 15:3; Romans 5:6-11:** Jesus died for weak, ungodly sinners who were His enemies (*v. 6, 8, 10*). By His death we are: Justified, saved, reconciled and we rejoice (*v. 9-10*).
 2. **Isaiah 53:4-6** - Purpose and achievement of Christ's humiliation, physical torture and His ultimate sacrifice for mankind!
 3. We need: Greater **understanding** of His death to help us have greater **appreciation** for God's love, to motivate greater **obedience** to Him!
- I. THE HUMILIATION OF JESUS - Isaiah 53:3 (Psalms 69:20, 9).**
- A. He Was Hated Without A Cause - **John 15:22-25 (Psalms 69:4; 35:19).**
 1. Jesus was above Reproach – (*Blame/accuse*): The Honorable One was dishonored!
 2. **John 15:22, 24** - Rejected His **words** and **works** (which showed He was their friend, *Psalms 69:4; John 1:11*). **{Crowning act of rebellion!}**
 3. He came doing nothing but good, but was repaid with nothing but evil!
 4. **Isaiah 53:3-4** - "*We did not esteem him*" - Can be said of all mankind! **We fail to set a proper value upon Him!**
 - B. He Endured **Violent Injustice—Isaiah 53:7-8 (Acts 8:32-33; Mark 10:32-34)**
 1. "*It was not a trial, but a plot to murder Jesus*" (**John 11:43-48**)
 2. At night, **false witnesses**, coercion, prejudice, beaten, judge the prosecutor, etc.
 3. **Isaiah 53:8** - Death took Him away from such humiliating treatment. None considered it was for them as they yelled out and said **crucify Him!** [**Neither do we!!**] - **53:4.**
- II. HIS PHYSICAL TORTURE - Isaiah 53:4-6 (52:14).**
- A. His Torture and Death Were shocking - **Matthew 20:28 (Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 2:24).**
 1. Near physical and emotional exhaustion *before* torture (**Matthew 26:38**).
 2. **Sleepless, traumatic night (betrayed, arrest, denial, trials, beatings).**
 3. **Scourging (Matthew 27:26)** - Weakened Him to a state just short of collapse or death.
 - **Description ([Pages 4 & 5 – 'On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ' booklet](#)).** - cf. **Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24.**
 4. **Shameful mockery (Matthew 27:27-30):**
 - a. **Taunted** and **reproached** with robe, crown of thorns and reed in right hand; **mocking** worship; **Spat upon** and **struck** in the head with reed.
 - b. "*He humbled Himself!*" (**Philippians 2:6-8**)
 - c. Voluntary! (**John 10:17-18**) **Do we love Him?! (Mark 8:38)**

5. **Crucifixion (Matthew 27:31)**: Slow death with maximum pain, disgrace and cruelty: *Death by torture!*

- a. Every wound intended to produce intense agony! (Nails, hoisting....)
- b. Nails, breathing, crucifixion, death: [Pages 6-12 of booklet.](#)
- c. Death by crucifixion was “**excruciating!**”
- d. Reveals the horrible nature of sin and the depth of God’s love - **John 15:13; Ephesians 3:14-19; Romans 5:8; Philippians 2:8.**

III. **HIS ISOLATION FROM THE FATHER - Isaiah 53:5-6; Psalms 22:1; Matthew 27:46.**

A. He Bore Our Sins: He Experienced The Punishment Of Our Sins (separation from God, **2 Thessalonians 1:9**) - **Romans 6:23.**

1. **John 16:32** - He had endured abandonment of His friends, family, apostles, rulers and the people.
2. Now, He endures isolation from His Father who is God:
 - a. He bore the sins of the world (**Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24**).
 - b. “*Made (to be) sin*” - Guilt and penalty of sin (**2 Corinthians 5:21**).
 - c. Became a curse for us (**Galatians 3:13**).
3. All the agony and distress of sin’s weight falls upon Jesus.....The Father allows Him to undergo this death without immediate relief!
 - a. **John 16:32** - Jesus’ assurance of the Father’s immediate presence is ripped from Him on the cross!
 - b. As an example a Child in ICU: Alone, yet not forever and not forgotten! (*May appear that way to child!*) - **Psalms 22:2-4, 22-24; Acts 2:27-28.**
- c. Bearing the guilt (**penalty**) of our sins isolated Jesus from His Father’s immediate blessings and presence! (**Darkness**)
4. **Do we care?! How does this truth impact us?!**

Conclusion:

1. **Isaiah 53:10** - God’s plan that Jesus die. (He didn’t delight in seeing the Savior’s pain, He **delighted** in the **Savior’s achievement!**)
2. **Isaiah 53:11** - God’s delight was in providing a sacrifice for sin which was adequate for the redemption of man (the life of His Son!). (**Heb. 2:9-10**: Grace of God - Our glory!)
 - **How can we ignore Him?**
 - **How can we reject serving Him?**
 - **How can we face Him in the judgment having refused His great sacrifice on our behalf?**
3. Obey His gospel now and always! [**Romans 6:3** - Be baptized into His death!]