

# Man of Sorrows

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Isaiah 53.
- B. It is difficult to see how one can read Isaiah 53 and not see Jesus.
- C. The Jews expected a different kind of Messiah—a military ruler.

## II. The Lord's success.

- A. He shall be exalted.
  - 1. This is a reference to the resurrection.
  - 2. No one had ever experienced a resurrection like His—He was the first born from the dead.
- B. He shall be lifted up.
  - 1. He was physically lifted up.
  - 2. This recalls the ascension.
- C. He shall be very high.
  - 1. He is lifted above all people. (Philippians 2)
  - 2. He astonishes people. This pictures His marred figure after the cross.

## III. The Messiah's strange reception.

- A. He was despised and not esteemed by the people.
- B. At the cross, Jesus was a pitiful figure to behold.

## IV. The good news: Jesus took our place and paid for our sins.

- A. Our transgressions have cut us off.
- B. Sin is a disease and we cannot understand the depths of our depravity until we have beheld the crucified Lord.
- C. Jesus is the great substitute for the sin of the human heart.
- D. The problem is that everyone is doing things their way resulting in strife and conflict.

V. The silent sufferings of Jesus.

- A. Scripture preserves the sinlessness of Jesus.
- B. He was without sin, but He silently bore the sins of others.
- C. It pleased God to put the iniquities of the people upon Jesus.
  - 1. God could only take delight in giving His Son in His love for mankind. (Romans 8:32)
  - 2. God was willing to give His own Son for the delivery of the human race.

VI. Jesus would see His offspring after death.

- A. This refers to the resurrection.
- B. He would see those whom He redeemed.
- C. He would see a world free from heartache and pain.
- D. Man will share with Jesus the inheritance He has received.
- E. This is a love story. God's love awakens within us the reality that we need help.

**Application questions:**

1. How would you respond to someone who has a difficult time understanding how God can be good and be glad to give His only Son?

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2. What is sin? How does Isaiah 53 describe it?

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3. Some claim that the substitution of Jesus for our sin is not a reality in Scripture. What would you say based upon the passage? Defend your answer.

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