

# Who Has Believed Our Message? (Isaiah 53:1)

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John 12:37-38 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in Him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

## The Lord's Solution To Humanity's Problem Is Met With Human Incredulity

Isaiah 53:1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

## The Son of God Seems Far Too Common

Isaiah 53:2 He (Christ) grew up before Him like a tender shoot, like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.

## He Was Rejected Because of What He Accepted

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised and we esteemed Him not.

## A Suffering Savior Is Unbelievable To Human Rational Mind

Isaiah 53:4 Surely, He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, afflicted.

## And Yet Christ's Suffering Really Is Our Redemption

Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds we are healed.

## He Is Our Scapegoat Before God

Isaiah 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Leviticus 16:7-10 ...take two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scapegoat. He shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell and offer it for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him and to let it go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:21-22 Aaron shall lay his hands upon the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions and all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat and shall send it away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: the goat shall bear upon it all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: he release the goat into the wilderness.

## He Paid for Our Sin By Doing Something About It Not Talking About How Bad It Is

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

## Our Sin Reveals What It Is In His Death

Isaiah 53:8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away. Who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken.

## The Plan of The Lord Is The Will of God

Isaiah 53:9-10 He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer...

## As Our Guilt Offering We are Justified By Him

Isaiah 53:10-11 ...though the LORD makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand. After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge My righteous Servant will justify many and He will bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 5:12-14 Worthy is the Lamb, Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing...

Revelation 5:13-14 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in them, singing: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever! The four living creatures said, Amen! And the elders fell down and worshiped!