

**Title:** What are the Odds?

**Tag line:** The odds weren't stacked against Jesus, they were stacked against us, and He stepped in anyway

**Romans 6:23 NIV**

*23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**John 3:16 NIV**

*16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**Isaiah 52:13-14 NIV**

*13 See, my servant will be successful; he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted. 14 Just as many were appalled at you—his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being—*

**Isaiah 52:15 NIV**

*15 so he will sprinkle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths because of him, for they will see what had not been told them, and they will understand what they had not heard.*

**Isaiah 53:1-2 NIV**

*1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn't have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him.*

**Isaiah 53:3-4 NIV**

*3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him. 4 Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.*

**Isaiah 53:5-6 NIV**

*5 But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. 6 We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.*

**Isaiah 53:7-8 NIV**

*7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth. 8 He was taken away because of oppression and judgment, and who considered his fate? For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was struck because of my people's rebellion.*

**Isaiah 53:9-10 NIV**

*9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully. 10 Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished.*

**Isaiah 53:11-12 NIV**

*11 After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied. By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.*

*(Insert Image 1: Peter Stoner)*

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Stoner said “To appreciate how large this number is, imagine filling the state of Texas 2 feet deep in silver dollars.”

“Then mark a red X and mix them all up. Blindfold someone, spin them around, and have them pick that dollar on the first try.”

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According to [Lifeway Research Community](#), [Princeton Theological Seminary](#), and [Population Education Organization](#)

- Total Followers: ~2.64 billion (approx. one-third of the global population).
- Globally: Christians are a majority in 120 countries
- Growth Rate: Christianity is growing, though not as fast as the overall global population in some regions, with a ~0.98% annual growth rate.
- Future Projection: The total number of Christians is projected to reach 3.3 billion by 2050.

**Revelation 1:17-18 NIV**

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Prophecy #1 - Successful

**Isaiah 52:14 NIV**

14 Just as many were appalled at you—his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form did not resemble a human being

(image 2: Roman Flagrum)

Prophecy #2 - He was disfigured

**Isaiah 52:15 NIV**

15 so he will sprinkle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths because of him, for they will see what had not been told them, and they will understand what they had not heard.

Prophecy #3 - He reached nations and kings

**Isaiah 53:2 NIV**

2 He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn't have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him.

Prophecy #4 - He Grew Up

**Isaiah 53:3 NIV**

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn't value him.

Prophecy #5 – He was despised and rejected

**Isaiah 53:4a NIV**

4a Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains;

Prophecy #6 - Bore our sickness, carried our pains

**Isaiah 53:4b NIV**

4b but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

Prophecy #7 - He was Stricken

**Isaiah 53:5 NIV**

5 *But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.*

Prophecy #8 - He was pierced

**Isaiah 53:6 NIV**

6 *We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all.*

**Mark 15:34 NIV**

34 *And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

Prophecy #9 - He took our punishment

**Isaiah 53:7a NIV**

7a *He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth*

Prophecy #10 - He remained silent when oppressed

**Isaiah 53:7b NIV**

*Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth.*

Prophecy #11 - He was like a lamb led to the slaughter

**Isaiah 53:8a NIV**

8a *He was taken away because of oppression and judgment, and who considered his fate?*

"Azazel" - "Take Him Away"

Prophecy #12 - He was taken away

**Isaiah 53:8b NIV**

8b *For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was struck because of my people's rebellion.*

Prophecy #13 - He was cut off from the land of the living

**Isaiah 53:9 NIV**

9 *He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.*

Prophecy #14 - Rich man's grave

**Isaiah 53:10a NIV**

10 *Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely.*

Prophecy #15 - Crushed by the weight of our sins

**Isaiah 53:10b NIV**

*When you make him a guilt offering,*

Prophecy #16 - He was our guilt offering

**Isaiah 53:10c NIV**

*he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished.*

**Acts 1:3 NIV**

*3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

Prophecy #17 - He will see His seed

Prophecy #18 - He will prolong His days

**Isaiah 53:11a NIV**

*11a After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied.*

**Isaiah 53:11b NIV**

*11b By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities.*

**In Romans 5:9 NIV**

*9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!*

Prophecy #19 - He will see the light

Prophecy #20 - He will justify many

**Isaiah 53:12a NIV**

*12a Therefore I will give him the many as a portion, and he will receive the mighty as spoil,*

**Revelation 7:9 NIV**

*9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.*

**Isaiah 53:12b NIV**

*12b because he willingly submitted to death,*

**Matthew 26:39 NIV**

*39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."*

**Isaiah 53:12c NIV**

*12d and was counted among the rebels;*

**Isaiah 53:12d NIV**

*12d yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.*

**Romans 8:34 NIV**

*34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

Prophecy #21 - He was given the man

Prophecy #22 - He willingly submitted

Prophecy #23 - He was counted among the rebels

Prophecy #24 - He interceded the rebels