

ISAIAH 53: THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Despised and Rejected

Isaiah 53:1-3

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As the Servant of the Lord...

1. Jesus Christ came revealing God to us (53:1).

Who has believed our message?

Instead of belief, people remain steadfast in their unbelief.

To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." (Jn 3:2)

2. Jesus Christ came being rejected by us (53:2-3).

We did not desire Him (2)

We did not value Him (3)

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. (Jn 1:9–11)

3. Having come, Jesus Christ must be received by us (John 1:12).

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (Jn 1:12)

Apart from Him, we are enemies of God.

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring JUSTICE to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.

In faithfulness he will bring forth JUSTICE; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes JUSTICE on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." (Is 42:1–4)

He was rejected so that you might be accepted.