

Isaiah 52:13-ch 53

Summary

13. God's servant will be wise and highly praised.
 14. Many were appalled by him and his appearance and form were beyond human recognition.
 15. He will affect many nations and silence many kings. They will now see and understand.
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1. Who has believed our message and to whom has the Lord revealed Himself?
 2. He came from nowhere, unexpectedly. There was nothing about him that should attract us to Him.
 3. He was despised and rejected by people. People didn't give him the time of day.
 4. He took up our burdens yet we considered him cursed and rejected by God.
 5. He was pierced and crushed for us. The punishment we deserved was laid upon Him - which brought us peace and healing.
 6. We have all gone astray and turned to selfish ways, and the Lord laid all the punishment of him.
 7. Although oppressed and afflicted, he said nothing. He took it.
 8. He paid the price for our transgressions.
 9. He was killed as if he was a criminal although he was pure and innocent.
 10. It was God's will to do this but He sees his children and will prolong their days and the Lord's will prosper.
 11. After the initial suffering, he will see the light of life and be satisfied. The righteous servant will justify many and bear their iniquities.
 12. He will be considered great because he sacrificed his life, falsely accused as a criminal, paid the price for sinners, and interceded for those who have done wrong.

Meaning

13. God's servant demonstrates wisdom and be elevated and praised.
 14. People were not attracted to him in any way.
 15. Even though he was not seen or heard by everyone, his effect will be felt throughout the world and classes of people.
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1. Belief in the message derives from the Lord's revelation of Himself.
 2. He wasn't flashy and did not come as you might expect.
 3. God's servants are often not respected by people.
 4. The purpose of the servant was to take our infirmities away from us but he was seen as cursed by God. We misunderstand His purpose and His action.
 5. He paid the price for us in order for us to live.
 6. The punishment for our selfishness and rebellion was laid upon His servant.
 7. The servant did not object to this. He showed humility and willingness to be punished and die for the people.
 8. He stood in our place.

9. His punishment did not fit His crimes - since He had no crimes.
10. God's will through this is to see His people saved.
11. The punishment for our sins will be accepted.
12. The servant paid the price and he will be rewarded for his sacrifice and intercession for those who have done wrong.

Application

13. Do I demonstrate wisdom? How can I grow in wisdom? Where do I acquire and implement wisdom? Is God pleased with me?
 14. Who am I trying to please, really?
 15. What is the legacy I leave for those who know me and those who don't?
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1. What do I really believe in? How has the Lord revealed Himself to me?
 2. How do I seek approval? What am I willing to do for people to like me/be impressed with me? How do I expect God to work around me?
 3. How much respect do I have for God's servants today? For God?
 4. How have I misunderstood and misapplied God's purpose and actions? Am I grateful for those who stand in the gap for me?
 5. What am I willing to do for someone else to live? How am I a life-giver? How am I a life-taker? What lengths am I willing to go for someone else? Am I burdened with the sin of the world around me?
 6. How am I selfish? How am I rebellious? How has my life changed because I realize God has taken away my rightful punishment?
 7. What objections do I have to serve other people? Again, what lengths am I willing to go to for the sake of others? Am I a willing servant or a resistant one?
 8. How do I stand in the gap for others? How do I show gratitude for those who in this life today stand in the gap for me? How does His servant's willingness to stand in the gap for me change me?
 9. What is my real concern for justice? How do I deal with false accusations or situations where the punishment does not fit the crime? How should I live in light of the fact that he suffered unjustly because of me?
 10. Have I been saved? How does my life demonstrate that I have been saved?
 11. How do I live forgiven and accepted?
 12. What is my reaction to the servant who paid the price for me? How do I sacrifice for others? How do I intercede for others? Am I willing to sacrifice and intercede for others? Do I take a passive, hands-off approach?

***verse 9 - careful to remember we are all sinners and in need of salvation is different than the idea that all white people are racists and therefore should be apologetic/remorseful because they are white.

- Quoted more by the NT than any other OT passage
- Case made for the Bible being reliable and accurate, historical, and completely fulfills all the prophecies related to Jesus.

2 reasons it couldn't be manufactured:

1. Why would the apostles have invented a view of Jesus as Messiah they knew was false and then be willing to suffer and die for it? The fact they were willing to suffer and die for this belief shows its truth. They have nothing to gain.
2. The way Jesus fulfilled OT prophecy is unexpected – why would the apostles have invented a dying and rising Messiah who was crucified as a criminal if they were trying to reach the Jews. This would have been counterproductive to their message.
 1. *Not sure if I 100% agree with the logic that the disciples couldn't have created a Messiah who as crucified criminal because it could serve as a martyr situation that ignites the Jews to action.*