

Isaiah 53:2-4,12

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,

Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the plunder with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death.



Exchange #3

Jesus endured our rejection, so we might have His acceptance



Rejection

- "The worst sickness is not being loved." Mother Teresa
- So many look for acceptance in the wrong places because of a deep-seated rejection they don't know how to handle.
- If you live for people's acceptance, then you'll die from their rejection!



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Common sources of Rejection

- Breakdown of Family
 Fatherlessness

 Broken Families
- Society of Judgment
 We live in a society that fears rejection, wants attention, craves affection and dreams of perfection.
- Broken marriages, friendships, relationships, dreams...

No matter the source of your rejection, it was exchanged for you at the cross!!

Psalm 118:22

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Jesus <u>UNDERSTANDS</u> the sting of rejection...

Rejected by his own people.

"He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him." - John 1:11

Entire towns rejected him.

"And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they implored Him to leave their region." - Matthew 8:34

"...they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff." - Luke 4:29

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His hometown rejected Him

"Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him." - Mark 6:3

His own natural family rejected Him

"When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."- Mark 3:21

He was rejected/abandoned by His friends

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He was rejected by His Father

"From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")." - Matthew 27:45-46

Jesus understands rejection ...and he defeated it!

Jesus Defeated Rejection

We were given <u>access</u> to the Father.

"And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom." - Matthew 27:50-51

• We were given acceptance from the Father.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." - Romans 8:1

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We were given <u>adoption</u> by the Father.

"He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." - Ephesians 1:5

Adoption makes you part of the family!

