

The Messiah's Success

Isaiah 53:7-12

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Merry Christmas, IBC! From a virgin birth to God becoming flesh, the Christmas story is filled with many shocking surprises. Likewise, the account of Jesus' death is one of amazing paradoxes. As Pastor John MacArthur wrote, "God treated Jesus on the cross as if He lived your life so He could treat you as if you lived His." Isaiah 53 describes the death and success of the Messiah, without which Christmas would have no meaning and we would have no hope.

- I. **He Was Unfairly Slaughtered, Yet He Remained Silent (v. 7)**
- II. **He Was Buried as a Criminal, Yet He Was Innocent (vv. 8-9)**
- III. **He Was Crushed By His Father, Yet He Joyfully Submitted (v. 10a, Hebrews 12:2)**
- IV. **He Was Killed, Yet He is Forever Exalted (vv. 10b-12a)**
- V. **We Were Unrighteous, Yet He Bore Our Sins and Transfers His Righteousness (vv.11-12)**

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE: *The Gospel According to God: Rediscovering the Most Remarkable Chapter in the Old Testament*, by John MacArthur.