

Jesus the Servant Isaiah 53:1-3

People would find His preaching unbelievable.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Text Message:

- I want you to see how once again these words unmistakably point to the preaching of Jesus: Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” John 12:37-38
- This does not mean everyone responded like this, but those who should believe didn’t and the wrong kinds of people did: Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”
- *Are we ready for the next Jesus Revolution (move of God)? Will we be ready to receive people many people don’t accept?*

People would find His presence unremarkable.

² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

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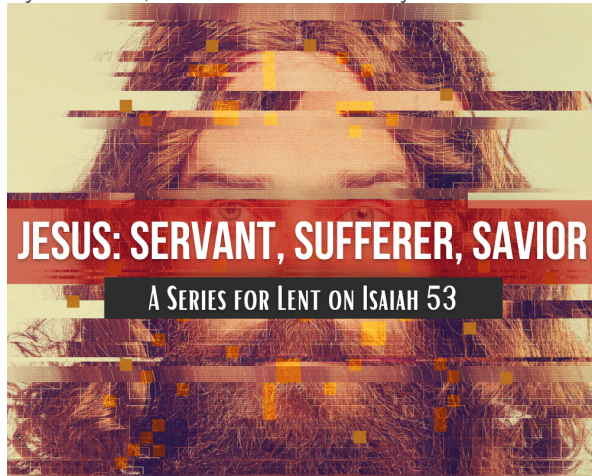
- This is a one-verse record of Jesus’ life (humanly speaking).
- The “arm of the Lord” revealed in verse one was not the hero Israel was looking for to defeat her outward enemies (Caesar and the Romans) but the “arm of the Lord” would be seen in outstretched arms on a cross to defeat the greater enemies of sin and death and declare Jesus as Lord, not Caesar!
- The words “young plant” is a Hebrew word used only here. The word is יוֹנֵק (yo-nake), which comes from a root verb that means, “to suck or to nurse.”
- The idea is that just as an infant is dependent upon the mother, or a young plant upon the nourishment of the earth, so Christ would live before His heavenly Father: Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. John 5:19
- To follow Jesus as a disciple is not to tack him on to my life but follow Him in dependance upon Him!

People would find His progress unbearable.

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

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- Here we have the events of Holy Week that would lead to Jesus’ death. It’s almost as if Isaiah includes all of us in the “we” of this verse yet Jesus gave us a way back to God.
- Jesus would be forsaken by all his disciples: And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. Luke 23:26



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