

Theme: Jesus, the Servant of the Lord, suffered and died for our sins, is now exalted as King, and offers life to us.

I. Intro – Complex Literary Structures

- A. Great literature has many levels
- B. Especially true of poetry
- C. Not just what is said - how it is said
- D. True of Isaiah as well - many levels
- E. Especially true of Servant passages
- F. Servant Songs - Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 53
- G. Review of last week
 - 1. Servant is very closely related to Yahweh
 - 2. Servants role is to bring justice - set all right
 - 3. Servants realm is the whole world
 - 4. Servants character is gentle yet faithful
- H. Identity of Servant of the Lord in Isaiah
 - 1. Cyrus - serves Yahweh restores Israel to land
 - 2. Israel - serves Yahweh among nations
 - 3. Davidic Messiah, Branch - restores Israel & Gentiles

II. The Suffering Servant

- A. Intro to suffering - 52:14
 - 1. Appalled at Him, disfigured, inhuman

- 2. Literally appalled at **you** - spoken to Servant
- 3. Many - & the solitary Servant
- B. Suffering throughout the Song
 - 1. v2 - no beauty, nothing attractive, undesirable
 - 2. v3 - despised, rejected, sorrow, suffering, etc.
 - 3. v4 - took infirmities, sorrows/sick, stricken, etc
 - 4. v5 - pierced, crushed, punished, wounded
 - 5. v7 - oppressed, afflicted, sacrificial slaughter
 - 6. v8,9 - oppressed, killed as a wicked man
- C. Misunderstanding of the Servant & His suffering
 - 1. v2 - Nothing desirable or beautiful
 - 2. v3 - we despise, reject Him
 - 3. v4 - stricken, smitten by God
- D. The reality of why He suffered
 - 1. v10 - He was crushed by God!
 - 2. v9 - no violence, deceit, actions or words
 - 3. v5 - for our sins, iniquities
 - 4. v6 - God lays our iniquity on Him
 - 5. v8 - for our transgression
 - 6. v10-12 - A sacrifice for our sins (excerpts)

III. The Exalted King

- A. Intro to exaltation - 52:13
 - 1. Raised, lifted up, highly exalted
 - 2. Resurrected, ascended, seated at right hand!!
- B. Suffering, then glory (53:11; Lk 24:25-27)
- C. Exalted because of sacrificial suffering (53:12)
- D. God's will - give salvation to us (53:11) - many

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see that Jesus is the Suffering Servant?
 - 1. He came as a humble Servant
 - 2. He was despised and rejected by mankind
 - 3. He was crushed and suffered for our sins
 - 4. The NT is full of this theme!!!
- B. Has God's arm been revealed to us? Believe?
 - 1. That Christ died - for you?
 - 2. That it pleased God to crush Him - for you?
 - 3. That He has borne your sins away?
 - 4. That He did this to give you salvation?
- C. Do we see that Jesus is now exalted King?
 - 1. He is resurrected, ascended, reigning!

2. He makes intercession for us!

3. God's will is prospering in His hand!

D. Communion - fed by the Servant King

Suffering Servant, Exalted King

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Luke 24:13-27

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Communion

Hebrews 13:20-21

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. Luke 24:25-27