



Who Will Believe?

Isaiah 53:1-3

“Who has believed our report?”

“To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?”

John 12:37-38

***But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,
38that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:***

“Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

I. The Tender Plant (v. 2)

A. "He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant"

V. 2a: For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground.

B. It is a prophecy of the coming Christ.

Acts 8:35: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him."

C. What a description of Jesus! "He will grow up..."

D. Tenderness would always be a part of His earthly life.

- "As a tender plant..."

E. Tears revealed His tender heart.

***Jesus wept.* (John 11:35)**

1 Peter 5:7 ...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

II. The Root Out of Dry Ground

- A. *“As a root out of dry ground.”***
- B. Israel seemed so unlikely to produce the Savior.**
- C. When Jesus came He was born of poor parents.**
- D. He came out of Nazareth.**

John 1:47, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”

John 1:46, Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

John 7:52, They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.”

E. Still, Jesus came from Nazareth & was the promised Savior

III. He Was The Unlovely Christ (v.2)

- A. A surprising description of Christ.**
- B. *“He has not form or comeliness”* (majesty)**
- C. *“There is not beauty that we should desire Him.”***
- D. To understand this verse, look before and after it.**

Before:

Isaiah 52:14, *Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;*

After:

Isaiah 53:3-5, He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

III. He Was The Unlovely Christ

E. On the cross Jesus paid for our sins.

Isaiah 53:5, His suffering for our sin;

***But He was wounded for our transgressions, He
was bruised for our iniquities; The
chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.***

V.8 His death for our sin;

***He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation? For He
was cut off from the land of the living; For
the transgressions of My people He was
stricken.***

V.10 and His resurrection;

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

V.11 for our justification:

He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.