

Isaiah 53:1 - 54:1 (KJV) 1 Who hath believed our report?  
and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?  
2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,  
and as a root out of a dry ground:  
he hath no form nor comeliness;  
and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.  
3 He is despised and rejected of men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:  
and we hid as it were our faces from him;  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
4 Surely he hath borne our griefs,  
and carried our sorrows:  
yet we did esteem him stricken,  
smitten of God, and afflicted.  
5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,

he was bruised for our iniquities:  
the chastisement of our peace was upon him;  
and with his stripes we are healed.  
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned every one to his own way;  
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.  
7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he opened not his mouth:  
he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,  
so he openeth not his mouth.  
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment:  
and who shall declare his generation?  
for he was cut off out of the land of the living:  
for the transgression of my people was he stricken.  
9 And he made his grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death;  
because he had done no violence,  
neither was any deceit in his mouth.  
10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt 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.  
11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:  
by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many;  
for he shall bear their iniquities.  
12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he hath poured out his soul unto death:  
and he was numbered with the transgressors;  
and he bare the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

## **Intro**

*“Isaiah 53 is (HIStory) – His Story - the story of the Messiah’s sufferings pre-written. It is prophecy about the purpose of Messiah’s coming into the world.*

*His coming had been preceded by hundreds of years of prophecies. Those prophecies declared where and how He would be born, how He would live, and how He would die. There are at least 300 of these prophecies. And one of the most powerful of these prophetic passages of Scripture is chapter Isaiah 53. Isaiah is often called the “Messianic” prophet because so much of his book was dedicated to giving detailed information about the coming Messiah.*

*What John chapter 3 is to the Gospel of John, Isaiah chapter 53 is to the book of Isaiah. In fact, the book of Isaiah has been called the Gospel of Isaiah. Martin Luther said that every Christian ought to be able to repeat it by heart.” – J Don Jennings*

## **I. Unbelief of Jesus**

**Isaiah 53:1 (KJV) “Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?”**

*Isaiah poses a question at the beginning: “Who has believed our report?” There were few in Isaiah’s day who believed what he had been reporting vocally and now was writing concerning the Messiah. Later, John reported that “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.” (John 1:10-11) In all those intervening years between Isaiah and John, the unbelief of Israel continued. When Christ was born few expected Him to appear.*

**John 12:35-42 (KJV) 35 Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 36 While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.**

**37 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. 41 These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.**

**42 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:**

### **A. Don’t Believe because of blinded eyes**

**40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

B., Don't believe because of the hardened hearts

*Unbelief not only involves spiritual blindness but also a determined resistance to God.*

### 1. Word of God

Jeremiah 23:29 (KJV) 29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV) 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

### 2. Work of God

Acts 7:51 (KJV) 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

### 3. Will of God

John 3:17-20 (KJV) 7 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

C. Don't Believe because of the fear of Man

John 12: 37 "But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled,

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#### D. Don't Believe because of the favor of men

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#### SUMMARY:

John 1:6-11 (KJV) 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

In a book “*Surprised by Joy*” which records *A remarkably frank and beguiling account of a C.S. Lewis’s conversion*. Towards the end of the book, he writes, “**The things I assert most vigorously are those that I resisted long and accepted late.**”

## II. Uniqueness of Jesus

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

#### A. Birth

##### 1. Ancestry – “root out of a dry ground”

Isaiah 7:14 (KJV) 14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

*“Overall, 66 percent of Americans believe Jesus was born to a virgin, down from 73 percent in 2014. While some might expect nonbelievers to wrestle with doubts*

*about the Christmas story as relayed in the Bible, the new research says there are actually signs of growing doubts from Christian groups as well.*

*The percentage of white mainline Protestants who believe in the virgin birth has declined from 83 percent to 71 percent. “*

*– Pew Research Jeannie Law Christian Post*

## 2. Announcement

Luke 1:26-35 (KJV) 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Matthew 1:20-23 (KJV) 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Luke 2:8-11 (KJV) 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring

you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

### 3. Attributes – no glamour or beauty

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

- Compassionate
- Servant's heart
- Loving
- Forgiving
- Faithful
- Prayerful
- Gentle and kind
- Patient
- Self Control
- Humble

## III. Unprecedented Treatment of the Savior

18 different words are used to describe the sufferings of the Jesus, our Savior. Here is a list of the word: despised, rejected, sorrows, stricken, afflicted, smitten, wounded, bruised, chastisement, stripes, oppressed, slaughter, prison, judgment, cut off, death, poured out, visage marred.

The Lord Jesus actually suffered every type of flesh wound known to medical science. Let us briefly consider each type of wound that He suffered for us:

### A. The Contusion Wound.

A contusion wound is produced by being struck with a blunt instrument or hand.

Matthew 27:29-30 (KJV) 29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

### **B. The Laceration Wound.**

A laceration is produced by a tearing instrument. Lacerations in Jesus suffering were produced by scourging or whipping. The scourge was made of thongs each tipped with bone or metal. This was fulfilled as recoded in:

**John 19:1 (KJV) 1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.**

### **C. The Penetration Wound.**

A penetration wound is produced by a sharp pointed instrument. The crown of thorns produced this kind of wound upon the head of Jesus.

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### **D. The Perforation Wound.**

The perforation wound is similar to the penetration wound however, more severe. The perforation wound is produced by a piercing instrument. Perforating comes from a Latin word 'to pierce through.'

**Psalms 22:16 (KJV) 16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.**

Crucifixion was the nailing of the hands and feet to a cross. The nails were driven into Jesus' hands and feet. They were driven between the bones, separating, perforating the flesh.

### **E. The Incision Wound.**

An incision is a deep cut produced by a sharp-edged instrument.

**John 19:34 (KJV) 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.**

### **Summary:**

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**11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:  
by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many;  
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and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
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## IV. Undeniable power of His Life and Death

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt 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.

A. Defeat Satan

B. Redeemed Man

Close

Dr. Walter L. Wilson, of Kansas City, MO, told of a meeting where a woman approached him after the service. She explained that she wanted to become a Christian but she couldn't understand how God could forgive her and accept her. At that point, he asked her if she knew any Bible verses. She responded "Oh yes, I know one." And she quoted John 3:16 as follows: "For God so loved the world that he gave His only *forgotten* son."

Dr. Wilson said that He was a little taken back by her mangling of John 3:16, but then it occurred to him how to use the misquoted verse. He said, "Do you know why God forgot His son?" "No," she replied. "He forgot His son because He wanted to remember you." That's the message of Isaiah 53.