
Jesus: A Man Of Sorrows

ISAIAH 53:1-5



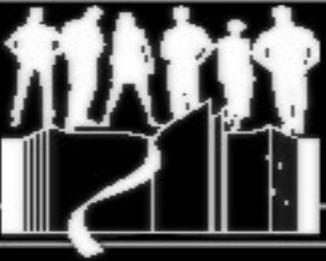


Isaiah 53:1-5

Isa 53:1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? **2** For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. **3** He was despised and forsaken of men, **A MAN OF SORROWS** and **ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF**; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. **4** Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

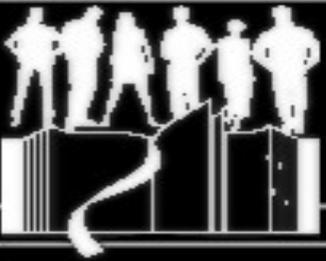
A Man of Sorrows

- Isaiah paints quite a few sorrowful scenes that the Christ will endure
- Jesus had a poor upbringing and was poor throughout his entire ministry
- Jesus was Unremarkable in appearance and political power
- Jesus was Despised by political leaders and the religious leaders who should have recognized him as the messiah
- Jesus was abandoned by followers, disciples, and even his closest friends
- In addition to the sorrows prophesied in Isaiah he suffered as a result of family



Luke 2:41-50

“Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him.



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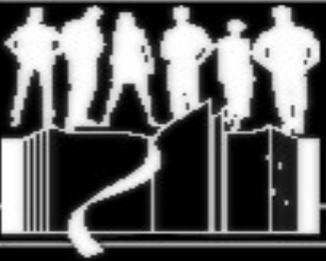
Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." And He said to them, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them."

Parents Didn't Understand Him

- Luke 2:41-52 the scary experience for all parents - semi-comical story of Jesus being left behind
- (43) The full number of days. Youth who have parents who talk forever after church services, Jesus knows your pain.
- (44) Jesus stays behind and his parents think He is with His cousins
- (46) On day 4 of the search for Jesus they finally find Him back in Jerusalem
- Did you not know I had to be about Father's Business

Loss of Loved Ones

- Joseph's death sometime after Luke 2
 - Jesus lost his earthly father and with it came a grief, hardship, and personal responsibility
 - Matthew 13:55-56 "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"
 - Their financial stability and familial obligation fell to Jesus
- John the Baptist in Matthew 14:3-23
 - A close friend, cousin and fellow minister of the Gospel is imprisoned and murdered
 - When Jesus hears of John's death his desire is to be alone, grieve, mourn, and pray
 - Instead he spends the entire day ministering to thousands and feeding just as many



John 7:1-5

“After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. Therefore His brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

Scorn of Family

- It has become dangerous for Jesus to travel openly
 - The Pharisees and Sadducees both want to put Jesus to death
 - Herod who killed John the Baptist is interested in seeing Jesus (Luke 9:9)
- Jesus' brothers: hey hurry up and get yourself killed!
 - Despite his miracles they do not believe in him
 - Their advice is filled with sarcasm and in their eyes with good reason
- Mary their mother is destitute, in this day no husband means no income
 - As the firstborn it is his responsibility to care for Mary and the family business
 - Instead Jesus is wandering around the country side with a Messiah complex helping everyone in the whole of Israel except his poor abandoned mother

Rejection of His Father

- Mark 15:33-34 When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ... "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"
- After All that Jesus endured during his crucifixion...
- God the Father turns his back on the Son because of my sin and yours
- And Jesus feels the full weight of God's rejection... for us

Jesus Knows

- Jesus knows our Sorrow: not because he knows everything but because he has experienced it himself
- He is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief not for His benefit
- Jesus was poor, unremarkable, despised, and abandoned
- Jesus felt the sting of being grieved by family
- Jesus knows our Sorrows because he has lived it first hand FOR US
- Tell Him your Sorrows...