

Death, Burial, And Resurrection

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I. CHRIST’S REJECTION, 53:1-3

- A. The questions “Who hath believed our report?” is stated, no doubt, because there are not many (as compared to the whole world) who actually believe the Gospel message, though there be many who believe it in a rational way or hear it in their ears and not in their hearts.
- B. To those few has the arm of the Lord been revealed, for no one can believe without revelation from God through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. He must convince of sin and bring a man to a broken and contrite heart.
- C. There is nothing in Christ (the arm of the Lord) that pleases people. He is so far and away above the minds and works of men that nothing about his character and his work of redemption pleases any man.
- D. He came from “dry ground” and was a miracle, yeah a divine birth. He was born of a virgin by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit.
- E. Therefore, he is despised and rejected of men, 3. He was not allowed in their company, their organizations, etc.,
- F. He is a man of sorrows. He sorrowed over the disbelief of people and sorrowed in his soul for Israel’s rejection of him and over their city, Jerusalem – Matthew 23:37 *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*
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II. CHRIST’S BEARING OUR SINS, 53:4

- A. He has borne our griefs.
 - 1. This word *borne* (Heb. NAWSAW) means to *lift up* or to *accept a heavy load*.
 - 2. Jesus did this for us as he became “sin for us, who knew no sin” 2 Cor. 5:21.
 - 3. Jesus was God’s only begotten Son (John 3:16); but, when Jesus accepted our sins, God looked on him as condemned and unclean.
- B. He has carried our sorrows.
 - 1. The word *carried* is Heb. CABAL and has with it the idea of carrying along a heavy road.
 - 2. Jesus went along what is many times called the Via Dolorosa, which means “the way of sorrow, or the way of suffering. It is a street in old Jerusalem which is thought by many to be the road where Jesus carried the heavy cross on which he was to die.
 - 3. The people, then, could see only his physical suffering; thus, it is mentioned that they esteemed, or considered him “stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.”
 - 4. 1 Peter 2:24 *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we,*

being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

III. CHRIST'S SUBSTITUTION, 53:5-8

- A. The Description Of This Substitution, 5
 - 1. Wounded for our transgressions
 - 2. Bruised for our iniquities
 - 3. Chastised for our peace
 - 4. Took stripes to heal us
- B. The Reason For His Substitution, 6
 - 1. We have all, like sheep, gone astray
 - 2. We have turned everyone to his own way
 - 3. Therefore, God laid on him the iniquity of us all
- C. The Acceptance Of This Substitution, 7
 - 1. Opened not his mouth when he was oppressed and afflicted
 - 2. Brought as a lamb to the slaughter
 - 3. Dumb as a sheep before her shearers
- D. His Death, 8
 - 1. Taken from prison and from judgment
 - 2. And he died: "Who shall declare his generation."
 - 3. He was cut off out of the land of the living
 - 4. He did this for the transgression of his people

IV. CHRIST'S BURIAL, 53:9

- A. Made his grave with the wicked – the two malefactors and more
 - 1. Luke 23:33 *And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*
- B. Made his grave with the rich – Joseph of Arimathea .
- C. With the rich (honorable ones), because he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
 - 1. Mark 15:43 *Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.*

V. CHRIST'S RESURRECTION, 53:10-12

- A. It Pleas'd The Lord To Bruise Him, 10
- B. God put him to grief – Jesus.
 - 1. When the Jews arrested him, beat him, and took him to be crucified.
 - 2. When he made Jesus drink the cup of suffering.
 - 3. When God's wrath was poured out upon him on the cross.
 - 4. When God forsook him, as Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
- C. God made the soul of Jesus a sacrifice for sin.

1. Matthew 26:38 *Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*
 2. John 12:27 *Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.*
 3. Acts 2:31 *He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.*
 4. Hebrews 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*
 5. 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
- D. He shall see his seed, 10
1. This seed is the total of all who will believe on Christ.
 2. This is the seed of Abraham's promise
 - a. Galatians 3:29 *And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*
 - b. Romans 2:29 *But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*
 - c. Romans 4:16 *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*
 - d. As soon as Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead, he began to see the multiplication of his seed, the seed of Abraham through faith in Christ, especially after the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, after which many, many were saved by God's grace.
- E. He Shall Prolong His Days, 10
1. This means that Jesus could not be held down by death but came to life, raising his own life from the dead.
 2. This means that he will live again after death.
 3. This means that his living days will be prolonged to include eternity: he will never die again.
 4. He will live long enough to see all the "seed of Abraham," all of his elect children come into the fold and be a part of God's glorious kingdom.
 5. This also means that our lives will be prolonged unto eternal life, because our lives are hid with Christ in God – Colossians 3:3 *For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*
 6. Psalms 89:29 *His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.*
- F. The Pleasure of the Lord will prosper in his hand, 10
1. The pleasure of the Lord is the will of God in the life of Jesus Christ.
 2. Everything that God wanted, desired, and willed Jesus did perfectly.
 3. God's perfect will prospered in Jesus' hand.

4. He took upon him the form of a servant and prospered in doing God's pleasure, or God's will.
 - a. Philippians 2:8-10 *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
 - b. Ephesians 1:5 *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*
- G. He Shall Be Satisfied, 11
1. He will see the travail of his soul and be satisfied. This is propitiation: not only was God satisfied with the work of Christ, but Christ was satisfied with his own work.
 2. Hebrews 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
 - a. He was satisfied with being the author and finisher of our faith.
 - b. He was satisfied with the endurance of the cross.
 - c. He was satisfied that despising the shame was God's will
 - d. He was and is satisfied that he is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
 - e. God The Father is Satisfied –
 - (1) Five (5) times God said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” 2 Peter 1:17 *For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*
 - f. Jesus Is Satisfied With Himself – as we have already noticed.
 - g. The Holy Spirit is Satisfied – Mark 1:10 *And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:*
- H. He Will Justify Many, 11
1. John Gill says, “it is a forensic act, a pronouncing and declaring men righteous, as opposed to condemnation: and they are many who are so justified;”
 2. Matthew 20:28 *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*
 3. They will be justified, because Jesus bore their iniquities.
 - a. The future tense is used in this verse, because Jesus has yet to come and do the work to justify many.
 - b. Verse 12 says, “he bare the sins of many.”
 - c. Now that his work is completed, we can say that he “bore their iniquities.”
- I. Christ Will Be Rewarded, 12a
1. Jesus will be given a division among the great; that is, he shall be the firstborn among many brethren –
 - a. Romans 8:29 *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many*

brethren.

- b. Jesus will not receive an inheritance without us. Deuteronomy 32:9 *For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.*
 - c. John 17:24 *Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*
 - d. So, the great are his own people, whom he has saved by his grace.
2. Jesus will divide the spoil with the strong
 - a. The spoil is what Jesus takes from the talents of men, who will not use them properly for the advancement of God's kingdom.
 - b. Ephesians 4:8 *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*
 - c. He takes the talent from the man who has one and hides it and gives it to the man who has 10 talents and used them for the Lord.
 - d. The strong ones are God's people, who have strength from the Lord to carry out God's will on earth.
- J. The Reason Jesus Can Do These Things, 12b
 1. Because he poured out his soul unto death
 2. Because he was numbered with the transgressors
 - a. Mark 15:28 *And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.*
 3. Because he bare the sin of many
 4. Because he made intercession for the transgressors