

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:3

The Suffering Servant, Part 1

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life:
and they are they which testify of me.” – John 5:39

1. Why Isaiah 53? / Brief Introduction

- a. An appropriate interlude between Acts 8:28-35 and Hebrews 1-5 (Heb 6:1)
- b. A major point of contention from many non-mid-Acts perspectives
- c. The clearest prophecy of Christ’s *lowly* coming, death, & it having a connection to sin
- d. A hard passage for mid-Acts folks who are not solid on what is & is not “the mystery”
- e. Context can help some (Isa 52:1-3, 6-10), but hard to not read things into the passage

2. 52:13-15 – A Summary of Isaiah 53

- a. 52:13 = God’s servant (Isa 53:1-3)
 - i. “*my servant*” – Mat 12:18-21 (Isa 42:1-3), Zec 3:8, Ezk 37:24-25, Phi 2:7-8
 - ii. “*prudently*” – Jer 23:5, Prov 14:8 & 34-35, Zec 3:7
 - iii. “*exalted, extolled*” – Isa 9:6-7, Ps 2:6-8, 110:1, Rev 5:13, Acts 2:33, Phi 2:8-11
- b. 52:14 = His substitution (Isa 53:4-6) and His sufferings (Isa 53:7-10)
 - i. “*astonied*” – Mat 7:28, Mark 5:42, 6:51, Luke 2:47 (also Acts 4:13, 1Cor 4:9)
 - ii. “*visage so marred*” – Psa 22:17, Isa 50:6, Mat 26:67, Luke 22:64
- c. 52:15 = His glorification (Isa 53:10-12)
 - i. “*sprinkle many nations*” – Isa 55:5, Num 8:7, Ezk 36:25, Lev 3:1-5, Isa 2:4
 - ii. “*kings seeing & considering*” – Rom 15:21, Isa 49:23, 55:5, 60:3, Mal 1:11, Luke 10:24

3. 53:1-3 – The Messiah

- a. Whose report? – Israel’s (our, we, etc. = +15 in ch. 53) John 12:37-38, Rom 10:16
- b. “the arm of the LORD” – strength; power to judge, save – Isa 51:5 & 9, 59:16
- c. “tender plant” – Isa 11:1, Zec 6:12, Luke 12:40, Ezk 17:24, Jer 33:15, Phi 2:7
- d. “we should [not] desire him” – John 1:46, Isa 5:24, Luke 23:25, Acts 3:14
- e. “despised and rejected” – Psa 22:6-7, 69:19, Isa 49:7, Mat 27:39-44, Mark 14:72
- f. “sorrows...grief” – Mark 9:12, Mat 26:38, Luke 19:41, John 11:35, Heb 2:18 & 5:7