

Sermon Title: "THE SERVANT'S SUCCESS"

Date: March 3, 2024 - Isaiah 52:13-15

Central Idea: The suffering servant of the Lord is not to be pitied, but worshiped. Do you worship Jesus?

Introduction: Jesus came as God. John tells us that. He did come as Man. Luke tells us that. He did come as King. Matthew tells us that. But, we ask ourselves, if God were to visit us and enter into human life, would He come as a Servant? The prophet Isaiah foretold that He would, and Mark says He did. He came, as God's perfect Servant. God never had such a Servant like Jesus. Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

I. The Servant's Appearance, v. 14

1. Many appalled (astonished, amazed)
2. Hardly recognizable

II. The Servant's Exaltation, v. 13

1. Will be successful
2. Will be exalted

III. The Servant's Message, v. 15

1. Nations will be sprinkled.
2. Nations will be silenced.
3. Nations will be sober.

Conclusion: Jesus touches the unwashed, the unclean, the outsiders, making them fit for God. This was something new to the world's religious experts. They never thought of removing guilt this way—that the servant of the Lord would judge our evil by bearing it Himself in His own sufferings! Even we who know the gospel struggle to grasp it. But this was the joy set before Him—to cleanse the very ones destroying Him. This is why He must be worshiped, not pitied.