

***Sermon Title:* "THE SERVANT'S SUFFERING"**

Date: March 10, 2024 - Isaiah 53:1-3

Central Idea: Everyone must consider the person of Christ as a servant and the humiliation of His birth and life. Have you thought of Christ as a servant?

Introduction: In these verses we see the personal Messiah, the Son of God, who alone can atone for sin. The nations respond to the servant with an awed silence as the gospel reveals His true worth. But in Isaiah 53:1-3, the believing remnant of Israel laments how few in that nation have believed their witness. The people closest to Christ couldn't understand Him. Knowing Him personally as a man in the neighborhood—many knew Him that way—didn't make unbelief impossible. It took faith to see the glory of God in Jesus of Nazareth. It still does!

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I. His Messiah Is Rejected, v. 1.

II. His Person Is Refused, v. 2.

III. His Mission Is Misunderstood, v. 3.

Conclusion: How do we break the faith barrier and embrace Jesus Christ crucified as our only Savior? God enables us! We need God's help to believe, because the truth is that we're more superficial than we realize. We look on the surface of things. We judge by appearances. The people of Christ's day were ashamed of Him because He did not represent the things that were important to them.