

THE CRUCIFIXION

Text: Isaiah 53

Context: Isaiah 55:8-9 **8**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts. Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. **9**“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Opening thought: God is inconceivably higher in every way than mankind. Nothing depicts that more fully than the crucifixion of Christ and what it entails. Isaiah 53 is the crucifixion from the God perspective – it is the mind of God revealed as He did what was necessary for the redemption of the human race. Nothing about the crucifixion conforms to the mindset of humanity. Nothing is for nothing. Everything costs the recipient. It is inconceivable that God would freely give Himself a sacrifice for sin, for all, and forever. Yet that is the story, the God story. The purpose of this study is to look at God’s mind in understanding what really occurred on that fateful day around 2000 years ago.

I. THE UNBELIEVABLE

- A. Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
- B. In every way, the ways of God in redemption were unbelievable. From virgin birth, meager upbringing, rejection, humiliation, methodology of payment, and the forsaking by God, nothing about the life of Jesus was believable. Nobody with a brain would have done it God’s way, but as the verse says, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My says,” declares the LORD.

II. THE INCONCEIVABLE

- A. Isaiah 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire Him.
- B. Why? Why did God not make Jesus strikingly handsome? Why did God afflict Him with human weakness and frailty? Why did God empty Himself of all His divine attributes and power to walk amongst humans as a human? Why let Him suffer? Why let the created destroy the Creator? Why, why, why?
- C. Because God is inconceivable. He cannot and will not be forced into human ways and thoughts. He is higher than that, greater than that.
- D. Faith is trusting in the inconceivable, and everything about the first advent of Christ is inconceivable. But it works!!!!!!

III. THE UNDESIRABLE

- A. Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

- B. The Desire of the nations was undesirable on the day of His crucifixion, despised by the very ones to whom He had ministered and poured Himself out as a drink offering for.
- C. Crucify Him!!!! was the cry of the crowd. Crucify Him!!!! was the demand of the leaders. Crucify Him!!!! was the call to the soldiers. Crucify Him!!!! was the command of Pilate.
- D. "That which was meant for evil, God meant for good, to save much people alive." Genesis 50:20

IV. THE UNSEARCHABLE, UNMEASURABLE, AND UNPREDICTABLE LOVE OF GOD

A. Isaiah 53: 4-6 **4**Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5**But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. **6**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

B. Unsearchable – Search human history and religions and find a story like His story.

C. Unmeasurable – Try to put a price on the price that was paid.

D. Unpredictable – No one, not even Satan, saw this coming. Victory turned to utter defeat in a matter of moments. Satan's one stronghold was demolished at Calvary.

V. THE UNBREAKABLE, UNBEATABLE, UNBENDABLE, UNCRUSHABLE

A. Isaiah 53: 7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.

B. Unbreakable – 7 bleedings – 1. The Garden of Gethsemane where He sweated drops of blood. 2. The striking His face while blindfolded. 3. The beating with the whip. 4. The thorny crown. 5. The cross He bore on His shoulder. 6. The nails in His hands and feet. 7. The spear in His side. Nothing broke His resolve and purpose. His face was set like flint.

C. Unbeatable - "Surely this is the Son of God," were the words of the Roman Centurion who was responsible for the crucifixion of Christ. He saw in Christ what he had never seen in any other man. They poured the full wrath of Rome upon one single Man and He never gave in to their will or demand.

D. Unbendable – He never reacted. He only acted. He was the One in charge the whole time. Even in His death, it was in His timing and under His will and way that He gave up the ghost.

E. Uncrushable – Government, Religion, and Satan all lost. Christ stood tall as He held the fate of mankind in His blood stained grip, holding fast to the nails that were meant for us.

VI. THE UNEXTINGUISHABLE

- A. Isaiah 53: 8-9 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was He stricken. [9](#)And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in His mouth.
- B. Soldiers could not guard Him. Death could not hold Him. The grave could not contain Him. Hell could not receive Him. Satan could not stop Him. Sin could not stain Him. Lies could not violate Him. History could not mar Him. Eternity will never fully explain Him.
- C. Friday looked like the darkest day in history. But Sunday came and the LIGHT shone brighter than it had ever shone. Hopelessness gave way to Hope.
- D. Everything changed.

VII. THE UNCONSCIONABLE

- A. Isaiah 53:10a Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him;
- B. Unconscionable. God was pleased? How can that be?
- C. 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.
- D. Our salvation trumped the immeasurable love of God for His only begotten Son.

VIII. THE UNFATHOMABLE

- A. Isaiah 53: 10b – 11a He hath put *Him* to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. [11](#)He shall see of the travail of His soul, *and* shall be satisfied:
- B. Try to fathom the unsearchable riches of Christ and inconceivable love of God in this story of our salvation. Just try.

IX. THE UNDENIABLE, UNDISPUTABLE, AND UNIGNORABLE IMPACT

- A. Isaiah 53: 12b by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.
- B. Undeniable – No one can deny the impact of Christ upon this world and the souls He has impacted.
- C. Undisputable – No one can dispute His place in history.

D. Unignorable – No matter what the atheist may claim, he cannot ignore the reality of what is. Christ is without question the most unignorable entity the world has ever experienced.

X. THE UNTHINKABLE

A. Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

B. It is unthinkable that anyone who hears this story would want to live with out Christ.

If you, my friend, want to be part of the greatest story ever told, ask Jesus to forgive your sins and save your soul. He will not hesitate in doing so if you will but ask Him.