

Boasting In The Cross Series #1

Scandal of the Cross of Christ

Isaiah 53

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Treasuring Christ... Loving People...



Scandal of the Cross of Christ

What is the 'scandal' of the Cross of Christ?

My Purpose...

- WHY?**
- 1. Real life...**
 - 2. God is most glorified...**
 - 3. Your personal happiness...**

Three Important Questions...

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1. Who is the Servant?

Is. 52:13

2. To whom was Isaiah writing?

Is. 53:1

3. What did Isaiah see?

Is. 53:2-12

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1. S_____ Servant

53:3, 2, 4b

Jesus was despised & rejected by sinners.

53:3 ...despised

...rejected

...man of sorrows

...acquainted with grief

...one from whom men hide their faces...

...despised

...we esteemed him not!

WHY?

53:2 ...no form or majesty ...no beauty

1. Jesus was outwardly...

2. Jesus did not endorse...

3. To protect ourselves, we believed...

53:4b ...we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God...

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2. S_____ Servant

53:4-6

Jesus gave Himself for sinners' good.

53:4 ...has borne our ...carried our

53:5a ...wounded for our ...crushed for our

53:6b ...Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all

1. Jesus knew this rejection was NOT because...

2. Jesus knew His bearing sinners' sin was...

53:5b ...chastisement brought us ...His stripes we are

-Instead of collapsing in grief...

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3. S_____ Servant

53:7

Jesus willingly suffered for sinners.

53:7 ...oppressed

...afflicted

...led to the slaughter

...before its shearers

Jesus responded to this suffering with: S_____

Caiaphas...

Mt. 26:62

Pilate...

Mk. 15:4-5

Herod...

Lk. 23:9

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4. S_____ Servant

53:8-9a

Jesus was slaughtered for sinners.

53:8 ...He was taken away ...He was cut off

1 Cor. 15:3

Why? ...stricken for the transgression of my people

Jesus was buried for sinners.

53:9 ...they made His grave with the wicked

...with a rich man in His death

1 Cor. 15:4

Why? Matt. 27:57ff

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5. S_____ Servant

53:9b

Jesus was sinless—He is the sinners' Substitute.

53:9b ...although He had done no violence...no deceit...

So WHY was He 'slaughtered' if He was innocent?

Jesus -Perfectly obeyed the Law of God

-Completely satisfied the Justice of God

-Exhausted (propitiated) the Wrath of God

-Incarnated the Mercy & Love of God

-Removes sinners' sins from the Presence of God

-Redeems sinners from the Curse of God

-Reconciles sinners to become the Friends of God

-Declares sinners to be Righteous before God

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6. S_____ Servant

53:10

Jesus willingly died by His Father's hand.

*53:10 ...it was the will of (pleased) the LORD to crush him
...He has put Him to grief*

1. Jesus K___ it was God's will to crush Him.
2. Jesus S_____ to God's 'pleasure' to crush Him.
3. Jesus knew His D_____ would--

53:10 ...when His soul makes an offering for sin

1. Result in...
2. Be followed by...
3. All of God's...

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7. S_____ Servant

53:11

Jesus justifies sinners who believe in Him.

53:11 ...out of the anguish... He shall see & be satisfied

...the Righteous one, My Servant...

...make many to be accounted righteous (justified)

...He shall bear their iniquities

1. Jesus died a H_____ Man! *(Heb. 12:2)*

2. Jesus alone can J_____ sinners.

3. What does it mean to be justified?

4. Are YOU justified?

1) By whom?

2) On what basis?

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8. **S_____** **Servant**

53:12

Jesus rose V_____ over death.

*53:12 THEREFORE ...I will divide Him a portion with
...He shall divide the spoil with*

Jesus gave His all for S_____ : Scandal of Cross

*BECAUSE ...He poured out His soul to death
...numbered with the transgressors
...bore the sin of many
...makes intercession for the...*

1. **Jesus is praying for Y_____.**

2. **Jesus wants to COMPLETELY S_____ You.**

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ONLY Jesus Can Satisfy These Longings...

1. Clean C_____

Hebrews 9:14

2. Caring C_____

Ephesians 2:12-13

3. Compelling C_____

1 Pet. 2:9, Tit. 2:14

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Gal. 6:14

March 2 **The Scandal of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS was like...

March 9 **The Power of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS accomplished...

March 16 **The Purpose of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS accomplished...

March 23 **The Glory of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS accomplishes...

March 30 **The Hope of the Cross of Christ**

What the CROSS promises...