

SERMON NOTES

The Gospel According to Isaiah, Part 3

"The Suffering Continues" Isaiah 53:7, 8

- One of my goals in this series is see our faith in the inspiration of Scriptures increase!
- The middle two verses in Isaiah 53 are 6 & 7
Isaiah 53:6 appropriated Calvary
Isaiah 53:7 apprehending Calvary
- Isaiah in our text today takes us to:
Gabbatta - to see the violence done there
Golgotha - to see the final cruelties inflicted there
- We can look at these 2 verses and marvel at the detail Isaiah was able to describe 700 years before it happened.

I. The _____ of Christ (v. 6)

- Jesus had multiple trials . . . before Annas, Caiphas, Herod and Pilate (technically 6 trials) before the:

A. _____

- "oppressed" Hebrew is "Nagas" from the root meaning "to press"
The NASB translates it twice as "hard-pressed" and twice as "oppressed".
I think "hard-pressed" is a better translation here! (as we shall see)
- There were several illegalities:
 1. the temple guard acting as the instrument of the high priest to make an arrest.
 2. having a death penalty sentence in the middle of the night.
 3. cross examining the accused after the testimony of the witnesses broke down.
- Caiphas was frustrated because Jesus would not answer and applied the "oath of the testimony" - "I adjure you by the living God" (Matthew 26:63).
It was a clever trick and put Jesus in a situation in which He was hard-pressed just as Isaiah had foretold.

B. _____ (v. 7b)

- Jesus was tried before both Pilate (twice) and Herod.
- The treatment Jesus received before both men seems to be reflected in this verse.
First notice:
 1. Herod . . . "like a sheep that is silent before it's shearers "not slaughter".
Jesus would not answer Herod (Luke 23:9)
 2. Pilate . . . "He did not open His mouth like a lamb led to slaughter" Jesus would talk to Pilate but when confronted by the Jews with "many things", He did not answer even a single charge.

II. The _____ of the Christ (v. 7)

- A. The _____ of the death sentence "By oppression and judgement He was taken away"
- Moffatt translates this "they did away with Him unjustly"
- B. The _____ of the death sentence "And as for His generation, who considered . . ."
- Pilate declared the truth when he wrote on the cross "Jesus of Nazareth - King of the Jews"
- C. The _____ of the death sentence "That He was cut off . . . was due."
- "cut off" means "wrenched" and denotes a violent death therefore.
1. a sudden death "cut off"
 2. a substitutionary death (i.e. on someone else's behalf) "For the transgression of my people"

*"When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all."*