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SERMON NOTES

The Gospel of Isaiah

"Rejected of Men" Isaiah 53

(Isaiah 53:1-3)

- This is a great chapter in the Word of God from the Prince of Prophets about the Prince of Peace.
- I am convinced if you listen with an open heart and open mind that you will be convinced about #1 the inspiration of Scriptures and #2 the Deity of Jesus and that He <u>is</u> the Messiah promised so long ago.
- Those who are not believers view this chapter as the personification of Israel. What they need to see is that this is not just a personification but a Person!
- There are two major points to see in our text:

I. The _____ rejected (v. 1)

- Isn't it interesting that when you reject God's inspired Word you will surely reject God's incarnate Word as well?
- Isaiah had a long history of sharing messages from the Lord only to have them rejected by the people of his day.
- The Lord Jesus would demonstrate absolute omnipotence when He stepped out of eternity into time to reveal Himself to men.

(John 5:39)

II. The ______ rejected (v. 2, 3)

A. unknown _____

1. His _____ "a tender plant (or shoot)"

- a. hardy b. half hardy
- c. tender
- 2. His ______ "a root out of parched ground" i.e. the world would be hostile to Him.

B. unknown ____

- Isaiah saw clearly how this unknown Christ would be revealed and then repudiated.
 - revealed: no stately form or majesty

 appearance was not attractive to us
 - 2. repudiated: a man of sorrows
 despised and forsaken of men
 not esteemed
- Jesus could have convinced everyone that He is God by powerful miracles if He wanted to. He came and acted as He did because He wants us to come to Him by faith. Faith is not a response to what the eye sees or the ear hears. Faith is our response of the heart to the character of God.

Jesus laid aside <u>all</u> of the splendor but none of the character!