

Isaiah 53:1-3

¹Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isaiah 53:7-9

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

The Passion of the Christ

'The Slaughter of the Cross'

Isaiah 53:1-3 & 7-9

Intro: Conditional & unconditional love

1. What we did: we failed to esteem the Servant (1-3)

- i) The Servant's humble beginnings¹

- ii) The Servant's common appearance

- iii) The Servant's isolated suffering²

2. What the Servant did: he chose, freely to die (7-9)

- i) The injustice of his treatment³

- ii) The example of his silence⁴

Conclusion: 'Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?'

Next week
The Sacrifice of the Cross
Guest Speaker: Paul Clarke

¹ cf. John 1.46; Matthew 13.53-58

² cf. Matthew 26.74

³ cf. Luke 23

⁴ cf. John 10.18; 12.27; 1 Peter 2.21-25