

Isaiah 52:13-15

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind - ¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Isaiah 53:10-12

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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The Passion of the Christ

'The Shame of the Cross'

Isaiah 52:13-15 & 53:10-12

Intro: 'A tale of two cities'

... the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice! Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers ...

... Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city

Isaiah 1:21, 26)

1. The enigma: How can the Servant be both exalted and humiliated? (52:13-15)

i) Exaltation (13)

ii) Humiliation (14)

2. The triumphant solution: The Servant will be exalted through his humiliation (53:10-12)

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

52.13-15 Enigma: the exaltation & humiliation of the Servant
53.1-3 The narrative of the birth and life of the Servant
53.4-6 The reason for the death of the Servant
53.7-9 The narrative of the death of the Servant
53.10-12 Solution: the Servant is exalted through His humiliation

i) Blessings for the Servant

ii) Blessings for His people

Conclusion:

Next week

The Slaughter of the Cross
Guest Speaker: Paul Clarke