

The Sum and Substance of the Gospel
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The incredible passage that is the basis for the Advent devotionals during these days, will be our area of focus on this final Lord's Day before Christmas. No other passage in the Old Testament gives a clearer description of Christ's atoning work for sinners than Isaiah 53, written 700 years before Christ came to earth in His Incarnation.

When we turn to the New Testament, we see that Jesus referred to this chapter, as do the writers of the New Testament. In fact, no other Old Testament Scripture is used as often in referring to Jesus Christ in the New Testament writers than Isaiah 53. This is because it contains *the sum and substance of the gospel*.

My goal this morning is to focus on the most prominent truths of this chapter, each one related to the Lord Jesus Christ. The verses listed under the points are in addition to the ones from Isaiah 53.

1. **He was His Father's Choice Servant.**
 - Philipians 2:6-7, Matthew 20:28

2. **He was unrecognized and misunderstood by most.**
 - John 1:10-11, Luke 19:41-44

3. **He endured horrific mistreatment, unlike any other.**
 - John 19:1-3

4. **His suffering and death were for the benefit of others.**
 - I Peter 2:24-25, II Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:3-5, Romans 5:6-8

5. **His life and death brought great pleasure to His Father.**
 - Matthew 3:16-17;17:5, John 1:29; 12:27,28, I Corinthians 5:7-8

6. **He would conquer death and delight in the outcome of His victory.**
 - Hebrews 12:2

7. **He will be eternally exalted as supreme above all.**
 - Philipians 2:9-11, Revelation 5:9

