



THE CHURCH AT ELLERSLIE
SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

ERIC LUDY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

UGLIFIED

unpacking the beautiful picture of Christ in Isaiah 53



...His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men...

Isaiah 52:14

He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Isaiah 53:2

...I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head... They gape at Me with their mouths... They look and stare at Me.

Psalms 22:6-7, 13, 17

Who is this Jesus?

My beloved is white and ruddy, chief among ten thousand. His head is like the finest gold; His locks are wavy, and black as a raven. His eyes are like doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are like a bed of spices, banks of scented herbs. His lips are lilies, dripping liquid myrrh. His hands are rods of gold set with beryl. His body is carved ivory inlaid with sapphires. His legs are pillars of marble set on bases of fine gold. His countenance is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet, yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!

Song of Solomon 5:10-16

For in Him (Jesus) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily . . . For it pleased the Father that in Him (Jesus) should all fullness dwell . . .

Colossians 2:9; 1:19

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . .

John 1:1, 14

I and my Father are one.

John 10:30

Jesus, The Great Beauty

Fairer than the Children of Men (Psalm 45:2), The Chiefest among Ten Thousand (Song of Solomon 5:10), The Bridegroom (Matthew 9:15; Revelation 21:9), The Rose of Sharon (Song of Solomon 2:1), The Lily of the Valley (Song of Solomon 2:1), A Bundle of Myrrh (Song of Solomon 1:13), A Cluster of Henna Blooms (Song of Solomon 1:14), Yea. Thou art altogether lovely. Thou art my beloved and my Friend (Song of Solomon 5:16)

Isaiah fifty-three

Perfect Beauty was marred . . . for me

The Vision of Isaiah

The Miniature Bible

- 66 books - 66 chapters
- 39 books of the Old Testament dealing with law and judgment - 39 chapters in the first section of Isaiah dealing with law and judgment
- 27 books of the New Testament dealing with comfort and salvation through Christ - 27 chapters in the second section of Isaiah dealing with the message of comfort and salvation through Christ

750 Years Before Jesus

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken . . .

Isaiah 1:1-2

Isaiah 6 - He saw the Lord high and lifted up

Who Did Isaiah See?

These things said Isaiah, when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him.

John 12:41

Isaiah Saw Jesus

40 - The Turning Point

Comfort, yes, comfort My people! says your God. Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 40:1-5

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:28-31

The Heart of the Bible

The Source of the Living Water

Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; so shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

Isaiah 52:13-15

Marred More Than Any Man

Mishchath - Disfigurement, Corruption of countenance, Disintegration of beauty, Destruction of handsomeness

I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6b

An instance of the utmost contempt and detestation. Throughout the East it is highly offensive to spit in any one's presence; and if this is such an indignity, how much more spitting in the face?

Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge

I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;

Isaiah 50:6a

The eastern people always held the beard in great veneration; and to pluck a man's beard is one of the grossest indignities that can be offered. D'Arvieux gives a remarkable instance of an Arab, who, having received a wound in his jaw, chose to hazard his life rather than suffer the surgeon to cut off his beard.

Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge

The beard is held in high respect and greatly valued in the East: the possessor considers it as his greatest ornament; often swears by it; and, in matters of great importance, pledges it; and nothing can be more secure than such a pledge; for its owner will redeem it at the hazard of his life. The beard was never cut off but in mourning, or as a sign of slavery. It is customary to shave the Ottoman princes, as a mark of their subjection to the reigning emperor. The beard is a mark of authority and liberty among the Mohammedans. The Persians who clip the beard, and shave above the jaw, are reputed heretics. They who serve in the seraglios have their beards shaven, as a sign of servitude; nor do they suffer them to grow till the sultan has set them at liberty. Among the Arabians, it is more infamous for anyone to appear with his beard cut off, than among us to be publicly whipped or branded; and many would prefer death to such a punishment. Lev 19:27; 1Ch 19:3,4; Psa 109:4,5; Isa 15:2

Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge

Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands . . .

Matthew 26:67

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand: and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head.

Matthew 27:29-30

Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophesy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

Mark 14:65

And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face . . .

Luke 22:64

- Crown of thorns
- The scourging
- The ripping out the beard
- The blows to the face
- The spittle of contempt
- *The Marred Man*

Isaiah 53

Perfect beauty was marred . . . for me

Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are

healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked--but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:1-12

The Amazing Testimony of Seeing the Christ

Long before the Christ arrived

The Mathematical Rule of Compound Probability

- 36 specific forms of suffering given to this one event in Isaiah 52:13 through Isaiah 53:12
- If we generously bestowed a statistical “1 in 2” probability for each of these 36 specific forms of suffering to occur
- Then, by the rule of compound probability for all 36 of these things to be true of one man in one event 750 years after they were written down by the prophet Isaiah would be 1 in 68,719,476,736

The Amazing Testimony of Seeing the Christ

Long after the Christ has come

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

He Gave Us His Beauty

Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty.

Ezekiel 16:9-13

Jesus

As Christians our enemies can strip us of everything - our bibles, our church fellowship, our Christian radio, our Christian books, our comforts and earthly securities. They could freeze our financial accounts and plunder our every earthly possession. They could take us from our families, stick us in a dank, black prison chamber, and even remove every singular earthly pleasure from our life. But there is One thing that they cannot touch, they cannot take, and they cannot obstruct. And that One thing is our Everything.

His Name is Jesus.