**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. We like choice.
      1. We like an infinite variety.
      2. There is only one Jesus.
   2. The church exists, not to give people a lot of choices, but to say that there is no other Savior in the whole world.
   3. All of the universe is for one purpose: to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ.
   4. Matthew 3:17
   5. The church exists for the purpose of magnifying Jesus through worship and the Word.
   6. In Isaiah 53, we find the story of the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. In the Old Testament, 700 years before Jesus Christ walked the shores of Galilee, we see the biography of the King.
      2. There is the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, but this is the Gospel according to Isaiah the prophet, 700 years before Jesus was born.
   7. All of the Bible is about Jesus.
      1. If you read the Bible and do not find Jesus, then you need to go back and re-read it.
      2. It is His story.
   8. Preachers in the past used to have an outline about the life of Jesus:
      1. His virgin birth.
      2. His virtuous life.
      3. His vicarious death.
      4. His victorious resurrection.
      5. His visible return.
         1. All of these are found in Isaiah 53.
2. his virgin birth
   1. Isaiah 53:1-2
      1. This passage of Scripture speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ and His virgin birth.
   2. Isaiah knew about the virgin birth.
      1. Isaiah 7:14
      2. Isaiah 9:6
   3. The Lord Jesus left His throne of glory and came down to this world of woe.
      1. He was born of a virgin and laid upon straw in a manger.
   4. Why was Jesus born of a virgin?
      1. The law of genetics teaches us:
         1. There is nothing in you that was not in your parents.
         2. Everything that was in your parents is in you.
            1. It may be dominant or recessive, but it is there.
      2. If Mary and Joseph were the parents of the Lord Jesus, then all that was in Mary and Joseph would have been in the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. Mary and Joseph were both human, so the Lord Jesus would have only been human.
            1. For humanity can only produce humanity.
      3. Suppose Mary was divine, and God is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. Then, deity plus deity produces deity.
         2. All the Lord Jesus Christ would have been was divine.
            1. Therefore, He would have been remote and unapproachable and could not have been our dear, wonderful Savior who was made like unto us.
      4. But Mary was human, and the Father is Almighty God.
         1. According to Mendel’s Law of Genetics, divine inspiration, and revelation, we have the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ.
            1. It wasn’t that He was half-God and half-man.

He would have been a monster.

* + - * 1. It wasn’t that He was all God and no man.

He could not have been our Savior.

* + - * 1. It wasn’t that He was all man and no God.

He could not have been our Savior.

* + - * 1. But He is the God-man.

There was never another like the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was virgin born.

* + 1. Had He been a son of Adam, “*In Adam all die*.”
       1. 1 Corinthians 15:22
    2. He is the Son of God, yet He is human.
    3. No virgin birth, no deity.
       1. No deity, no sinlessness.
       2. No sinlessness, no blood atonement.
       3. No blood atonement, no new birth.
       4. No new birth, no hope of Heaven.
  1. He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.
  2. He was born of a virgin that we might be born again.
  3. He became the Son of Man that we might become the sons and daughters of Almighty God.
  4. The prophet Isaiah speaks of this virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, who stepped out of glory and came into this world.
     1. Isaiah 53:2

1. his virtuous life
   1. Isaiah 53:2-3
      1. This passage speaks of the manner of His life.
         1. The Lord Jesus Christ lived an incredible life.
   2. One would think that He would have come down to Earth in glorious robes or in a jeweled chariot.
      1. But He was born in Bethlehem.
         1. A small, insignificant town that was the least of all the cities of Judah.
   3. One would have thought that He would have been raised in a royal court.
      1. But He was raised as a carpenter’s son in the obscure and hated village of Nazareth.
   4. One would have thought that the Lord Jesus would have come with wealth, opulence, and power.
      1. But He walked about in sandal shoes.
      2. Matthew 8:20
   5. Don’t get the idea that if you had seen the Lord Jesus Christ, then you would have recognized Him as deity.
      1. We would not have recognized Him as such with our eyes.
      2. Isaiah 53:2
         1. This does not mean that He was hideous.
         2. It just means that He did not physically stand out above other people.
            1. If Jesus Christ had physically stood out, then Judas would not have had to point Him out in Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:48

* + 1. He was a nondescript person outwardly.
  1. John 1:14
     1. This passage literally says, “*And tabernacled (dwelt) among us*.”
  2. Had we seen the tabernacle in the wilderness, it would have been covered with badger skins.
     1. It would have been drab, brown, and unattractive on the outside.
     2. But had we gone into that tabernacle and seen the embroidery, the gold, the Shekinah glory there on the mercy seat, and the candelabra, we would have said that it was indescribably beautiful.
        1. But it had to be seen from the inside.
           1. And so it is with Jesus.

The natural eye looks at Jesus and says, “What’s so great about Jesus?”

But to know Jesus, to be in Christ and have Christ in you, is to see the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Man of Sorrows.

* 1. We could talk about His life and never get finished.
     1. The miracles that He did.
     2. He went about doing good.
     3. The love that He showed.
     4. The Lord Jesus could say to His enemies, “*Which of you convinceth Me of sin*?”
        1. John 8:46
        2. He was not without sorrow, but He was without sin.

1. his vicarious death
   1. Isaiah 53:4-8
   2. The word “vicarious” means “in the place of another.”
   3. The major purpose of the cross was that Jesus Christ would die as our substitute.
      1. Sin had to be punished.
      2. Either we will bear our punishment, or we will have a substitute to bear our punishment for us.
      3. The Bible says that all our sins were laid upon the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. Isaiah 53:6
   4. What did Jesus take when He went to the cross?
      1. He took our sin.
         1. Isaiah 53:6
         2. 2 Corinthians 5:21
         3. Isaiah 53:5
            1. The word “wounded” in Hebrew means “pierced.”

It speaks of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus.

He was nailed to a cross for our transgression.

* + - 1. Gethsemane was Calvary before Jesus was ever nailed to the cross.
         1. In Gethsemane, the Lord Jesus said to the Father, “*Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me*.”

Matthew 26:39

He was not talking about physical death.

He was talking about the cup.

Our sin was in that cup.

The sin of today, yesterday, tomorrow, the sin of all of the ages and of all of the people settled in that cup.

The Lord Jesus knew that if He drank that cup, then God would have to treat Him as He would treat every sinner.

Jesus knew that when He became sin, He would become the object of the Father’s loathing.

He would become our substitute.

* + - * 1. Jesus took that bitter cup and in the Garden of Gethsemane, drank that cup.
    1. He took our shame.
       1. Isaiah 53:7
          1. The Lord Jesus did not say a word.
       2. Matthew 27:12-14
          1. When people were accusing Jesus, He didn’t say a word.
       3. The purpose of the cross is substitution, and along with our sin comes shame.
       4. Jesus could not have justified Himself without condemning us.
          1. If He had said that it was not His sin He was suffering for but our sins, then He would have been the hero.

But He did not die as a hero.

He died as a criminal.

He died as a thief.

He died as an ignoble; no good.

* + - 1. Isaiah 53:4
         1. He died in shame.

It is amazing that we have to beg people to come forward sometimes to confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ when He did that for us.

* + - 1. Are you ashamed of Him?
         1. The Bible says that when we believe on Him, we will not be ashamed.

Romans 10:11

Romans 1:16

* + - * 1. He took our shame.
        2. By God’s grace and for His glory, we should never be ashamed of Jesus Christ.

Don’t be ashamed to carry your Bible.

Don’t be ashamed to bow your head in prayer in a restaurant.

Don’t be ashamed to witness.

Don’t be ashamed to be baptized.

* + 1. He took our suffering.
       1. Isaiah 53:8
          1. In this passage, the words “cut off” means “He was crucified.”
       2. Isaiah 53:9
          1. In this passage, the word “death” means “deaths.”

This word in Hebrew is an intensive plural.

He was dying for all of us.

We use an idiom today, “He died a thousand deaths.”

But Jesus didn’t die a thousand deaths; He died billions of deaths.

He paid the sin debt for all of the world.

* + - 1. How much did Jesus Christ suffer for our souls?
         1. Only the condemned in Hell can begin to know the price He paid, but they will never know because they are still paying for their sins.

And they are only paying for their sins.

* + - * 1. Jesus paid it all, and He paid for all on that cross.
      1. How could He, in that period of time, suffer for all eternity?
         1. We, being finite, will suffer in an infinite period of time.
         2. He, being infinite, suffered in a finite period of time what we, being finite, would suffer in an infinite period of time.
      2. Lamentations 1:12
         1. Nobody knows the pain and how dark it was when the Lord Jesus Christ died upon that cross.
         2. The eternities were compressed upon the Lord Jesus.
         3. The sins of the world were distilled upon the Lord Jesus.
         4. Jesus paid it all on that cross.

No wonder He shrank back from the cross.

No wonder He said, “*Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me*.”

Matthew 26:39

* + 1. He took our separation.
       1. Isaiah 53:8
       2. The Lord Jesus, who had always been in the bosom of the Father from eternity, was now separated from God the Father.
          1. He cries from the cross, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

Matthew 27:46

Jesus was not looking back quoting David in Psalm 22.

David was looking forward when he wrote Psalm 22, quoting the Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalm 22 is a prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

* + - 1. The demons of Hell taunted Him.
      2. The mob mocked Him.
      3. The disciples fled from Him.
      4. The Lord Jesus was suspended between Heaven and Earth, alone on the cross.
         1. The sun refused to shine.
      5. When Kind David died, he could say, “*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me*.”
         1. Psalm 23:4
         2. Jesus walked that lonesome valley by Himself.

He could not say, “*Thou art with Me*.”

He had to say, “*My God, My God why hast Thou forsaken Me*?”

Matthew 27:46

He was taking your place, and your sins will bring separation from Almighty God for all eternity if you don’t get saved.

* 1. Isaiah 53:5-6
     1. He took our sin, shame, suffering, and separation.
     2. And we need to love Him.

1. his victorious resurrection
   1. Isaiah 53:9-10
      1. This passage does not sound like a dead man.
   2. He made His grave with the wicked and the rich.
      1. He was laid in a borrowed tomb, a rich man’s tomb.
         1. No man had ever laid in that tomb.
      2. Jesus had a virgin womb and a virgin tomb.
      3. But He came up out of that grave.
   3. Isaiah 53:10
      1. God will prolong His days.
         1. He is the Ancient of Days.
         2. The Living Bible paraphrases this passage as, “He shall live again.”
   4. He came out of that grave.
      1. Confucius died; he is dead.
      2. Buddha died; he is dead.
      3. Mohammad died; he is dead.
      4. Jesus died; He walked out of that grave.
   5. If Jesus had not come out of that grave, then He would have just been one more religious leader.
      1. But He is shown to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead.
2. his visible return
   1. Isaiah 53:11-12
      1. Jesus is going to say that it was worth it all when He sees us saved.
      2. This passage talks about Jesus coming to rule and to reign.
         1. After a victory, the spoils are divided up.
      3. Jesus is coming again.
         1. This is the only hope for this world.
   2. Jesus will reign.
   3. Matthew 5:5
      1. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth because He is going to divide the spoils with the strong.
   4. Daniel 11:32
      1. People who know their God will do exploits.
   5. We are on the winning side.
   6. One day He is coming, and it will be a glorious day.
3. CONCLUSION
   1. As individuals and as a church, we need to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ through worship and the Word.
   2. Isaiah 53:11
   3. He will save you today, if you come to Him in repentance and faith.
   4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16