**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. According to some, Isaiah 53 may be the greatest chapter in all of the Bible.
   2. Isaiah the prophet wrote this chapter seven hundred years before the Lord Jesus Christ was born.
      1. He wrote a biography of Jesus seven centuries into the future.
   3. If we will have an open heart and an open mind, then we will be absolutely convinced of two things:
      1. The inspiration of the Scriptures.
      2. The deity of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah who came that Christmas so long ago.
   4. In today’s message, we will study the Gospel according to Isaiah.
      1. We know that there is the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, but there are really 66 Gospels.
         1. All of the Bible is about the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. the supernatural birth of the king
   1. Isaiah 53:1-2
      1. The “arm of the Lord” in this passage refers to God’s mighty power.
         1. This is a person.
            1. The “arm of the Lord” shall grow up before the Lord.
      2. This is something miraculous.
         1. They were looking for something mighty and strong, but a little, tender plant came out of the dry, barren desert.
            1. This is a picture of the birth of the Savior.

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6

The prophet Isaiah knew about the virgin birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Even if he didn’t understand it all, God understood it and inspired Isaiah on what to say.

* 1. Never minimize the virgin birth.
     1. There would be no hope for Heaven without the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus.
        1. If He had not been born of a virgin, then He could not have been sinless.
        2. If He had not been born of a virgin, then He would have been a son of Adam like we are.
           1. In Adam all die.

1 Corinthians 15:22

* + - 1. If He had not been sinless, then He could not have offered a blood atonement.
         1. He could only have died for His own sin.
      2. If there had been no virgin birth, then there would be no deity.
         1. No deity, no sinlessness.
         2. No sinlessness, no atonement.
         3. No atonement, no forgiveness.
         4. No forgiveness, no hope of Heaven.
  1. The virgin birth was not incidental; it is fundamental.
     1. Jesus was born of a virgin that we might be born again.
     2. He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.
     3. He became the Son of Man that we might become the sons and daughters of God.
  2. The study of genetics teaches that everything in our parents is in us, and everything in us is in our parents.
     1. There is nothing in us that was not in our parents.
     2. Suppose that Jesus’ mother and father were both human.
        1. Then, Jesus would be only human, and He could save none of us.
           1. He would not have been the God-man; He would not have been sinless.
           2. He would not have been the God-Man; He would not have been sinless.
     3. Suppose that His father was fully God, and His mother was another god.
        1. This is impossible, but He would have been unable to identify with us, and we would be unable to identify with Him.
     4. But Mary was fully human and became with child by the Holy Spirit of God.
        1. The Bible calls Jesus the monogenes, the only begotten Son of God; there was never another born like the Lord Jesus Christ.
           1. John 3:16
        2. All that was in His mother is in Him, and all that was in His Father is in Him.
           1. He is totally man and totally God.

He is not half-God and half-man.

He is not all man and no God.

He is not all God and no man.

He is the God-man.

* 1. Jesus is not the Son of God because He was born of a virgin; He was born of a virgin because He is the Son of God.
     1. He didn’t have His beginning in Bethlehem.
     2. He just stepped out of Heaven, came down to Earth, and became the God-man.

1. the simple life of the king
   1. Isaiah 53:2-3
   2. Being the very Son of God, one would think that He would have stepped out of Heaven in a great display of glory.
      1. But He did not come that way.
         1. The only announcement was made to shepherds in a field.
         2. He was born in the insignificant little village of Bethlehem, in a stable and laid upon straw.
         3. When He was seen, there was “no form nor comeliness nor beauty that we should desire Him.”
            1. Isaiah 53:2
   3. John 1:46
   4. His Earthly father was a carpenter.
   5. When the Bible says, “no form nor beauty nor comeliness,” it does not mean that He was hideous; it just means that He was nondescript.
      1. You would not have been able to have picked Jesus out of the crowd.
         1. Judas had to point Him out.
            1. Matthew 26:48
   6. In sandaled feet, Jesus walked about doing good.
   7. Jesus came in this manner because God wants something out of mankind that He can receive no other way; He wants faith.
      1. Some people may say that if God wants us to believe in Him, then He should prove Himself to us.
         1. He could prove Himself if He wanted to.
         2. But that wouldn’t be faith; it would just be a reaction to what we had seen.
            1. We should never ask God to prove Himself.
      2. Jesus laid aside all of the splendor, glory and majesty that was inherently His and came as a baby.
      3. Faith is not a response to what the eye sees or the ear hears; it is a response of the heart to the character of God.
         1. When Jesus laid aside all of the splendor, He laid aside none of the character.
         2. When the heart is right, the heart will respond to God in faith.
            1. Like the eye responds to light when the eye is right, and the ear responds to sound when the ear is right.
            2. The heart will respond to Jesus when it is right, not because of proof.
      4. When Jesus performed miracles, they were not publicity stunts.
         1. He was not trying to dazzle or bribe people.
         2. Often when Jesus would do a miracle, He would tell the people not to talk about it.
            1. Luke 5:13-14
            2. Modern evangelists advertise miracles and don’t do them.
            3. Jesus did miracles, and He didn’t advertise them.
      5. God is not going to prove Himself to us.
         1. But if we look at Jesus as revealed in Scripture, then we will find our hearts turning to Him.
   8. Isaiah 53:3
      1. The people were looking for a dazzling Messiah.
      2. Israel rejected Him; they were looking for a political Messiah.
         1. Jesus did not come that way.
            1. The simple life of the King is one of the great fulfillments of Scripture.
            2. If anyone wants to know Him, they can.
2. the substitutionary death of the king
   1. Isaiah 53:4
      1. Some thought that God did not spare Jesus because He was a sinner; but He was not a sinner.
   2. Isaiah 53:5
      1. He was afflicted because we are bad, and we are spared because He is good.
   3. Isaiah 53:5-6
      1. We have all sinned.
      2. We have all been selfish and proud.
      3. Our sins were laid upon the Lord Jesus Christ who never sinned.
         1. He became sin for us; that is substitution.
         2. He took our place and died for us; this is the Gospel according to Isaiah.
   4. There are four things that Jesus took as our substitute:
      1. He took our sins.
         1. Our sins were laid upon Jesus.
         2. Isaiah 53:5
            1. In Hebrew, the word “wounded” means “pierced.”

He was pierced for our transgressions.

* + - 1. Matthew 26:39
         1. In this passage, Jesus was not referring to a literal cup but to something that He must drink spiritually.
         2. This cup contained the sin of the world.

A child is raped; that sin goes in the cup.

A person breaks his marriage vows; that sin goes into the cup.

A drunkard blasphemes God; that sin goes into the cup.

All of the sin of all of the centuries were in that cup, and it was laid upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

* + - 1. Jesus dreaded the cross.
         1. This should cause us to love Him all the more.
      2. Jesus prayed with such intensity in the Garden of Gethsemane that the capillaries in His body broke, and He sweat drops of blood.
         1. Luke 22:4
      3. Jesus knew that our sins would be laid upon Him, and He would have to take our punishment.
         1. The darling Son of God would become the object of the loathing and wrath of God.
         2. The fires of God’s wrath burned themselves out on Him.
    1. He took our shame.
       1. Isaiah 53:7
       2. He was put to death by judicial murder.
          1. They slandered Him, and He held a mock trial.
          2. It was a travesty of justice, but Jesus didn’t say anything.

John 19:10

Matthew 26:62-63

* + - 1. Jesus was quiet because He not only took our sins, but He also took our shame.
         1. When we are caught doing something wrong, we try to justify ourselves.
         2. When we are right and are blamed for something wrong, we justify ourselves.
         3. Jesus was totally innocent, and He never spoke a word.
         4. When the unsaved stand before God, they will stand there speechless.

Matthew 22:11-12

Every excuse will falter and fail, every alibi will be gone, and the unsaved will have absolutely nothing to say.

* + - * 1. Jesus could not have justified Himself without condemning us.

If He had said that He was not guilty and that He was dying as an innocent substitute, then He would have died in dignity.

But He didn’t die in dignity; He died in shame.

He died as a sinner and took our shame to the cross.

* + - * 1. Because Jesus Christ took our shame, we should never be ashamed of Him.

Romans 1:16

* + 1. He took our separation.
       1. Isaiah 53:8
          1. “Cut off” in this passage means that He was separated.

He was cut off from everybody; He died alone.

* + - 1. Those at the cross taunted Him.
         1. Matthew 27:42
      2. The demons of Hell tormented and mocked Him.
      3. The disciples drew away from Him.
      4. God the Father turned His back on Him.
         1. Habakkuk 1:13

Jesus was bearing the iniquity of us all.

* + - * 1. On the cross, Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

Matthew 27:46

He was bearing what we will bear if we are not saved, and that is eternal separation from Almighty God.

Psalm 22:1

Jesus wasn’t looking back quoting what David wrote; David was looking forward quoting Jesus.

This verse of Scripture is a prophecy.

* + - * 1. Psalm 23:4

When Jesus baptized His soul in Hell, He could not say, “Lord, You are with Me.”

He died alone.

* + 1. He took our suffering.
       1. Isaiah 53:9-10
          1. We say that men crucified Jesus, but over it all was the hand of God.
       2. No one ever suffered like the Lord Jesus Christ.
          1. There is no grief like His grief.
          2. Other people have been crucified, but Jesus suffered bruising from the hand of the Father in whom He had rested for all eternity.
          3. The condemned in Hell cannot even begin to know how much Jesus suffered.

They are only paying for their sin, but Jesus paid for all.

* + - 1. How could Jesus, at that one period of time on the cross, pay the sin debt for all eternity?
         1. If we die as sinners, then we will die and go to Hell forever.
         2. Jesus, being infinite, paid in a finite period of time what we, being finite, would pay in an infinite period of time.

When Jesus died on that cross, the sins of the world were distilled upon Him, and the eternities were compressed upon Him.

No one can ever describe how much He suffered.

* + - 1. There is no form of death more painful than crucifixion, but Jesus went beyond crucifixion.
  1. Jesus was our substitute.
     1. He took our place because a holy God cannot overlook sin.
     2. Sin must be paid for; somehow, somewhere.
     3. Jesus paid it all, and all to Him we owe.

1. the saving resurrection of the king
   1. Jesus did not stay in the grave.
   2. Isaiah 53:9-10
      1. In this passage, the word “death” is a plural intensive which means “His deaths.”
         1. Today, we would speak of a person who died in great pain as “dying a thousand deaths.”
      2. “Seed” in this passage means “descendants.”
      3. How can this dead man have descendants, days of duration, deeds, and still be serving God?
         1. His soul was an offering for sin.
         2. But now He lives again.
   3. After the crucifixion, Jesus was placed in a tomb.
      1. Matthew 27:64
      2. The Roman government made the tomb as secure as they could.
         1. A seal was placed upon it, and soldiers guarded it.
      3. Nature made it as secure as it could.
         1. A big stone was placed in front of the rock-hewn tomb.
      4. Unbelief made it as sure as it could because the idea of the resurrection was mocked.
         1. But Jesus walked out of that grave, and He lives again.
   4. The prophet Isaiah spoke about a dead man who now lives.
      1. Dead, yet He is doing the pleasure of Almighty God.
      2. Dead, yet He has a great family.
      3. We serve a living, risen, victorious Savior.
2. the sovereign reign of the king
   1. Isaiah 53:11-12
      1. These passages are speaking about Jesus.
      2. “*And shall be satisfied*,” means it was worth it all to Jesus.
      3. “*By His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many*.”
         1. This does not mean what He knows; it means when we know Him.
            1. Do you know Him?
            2. This does not mean do you know about Him, but do you know Him?

Philippians 3:10

Are you saved?

* 1. These passages look forward to His coming to rule and to reign.
  2. The only hope is the coming of Jesus Christ, and He is coming soon.

1. CONCLUSION
   1. The Bible says that through the death of Jesus, God’s justice is satisfied and man becomes justified.
      1. Isaiah 53:6
         1. This leaves us sinless because our sins are placed upon Jesus.
      2. We can now be justified, which means “just as if we had never sinned.”
   2. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   3. 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