The Beauty-Less, Beautiful Savior (Isaiah 53:2,3)

Tony Mauck · Isaiah 53:2–3

INTRODUCTION

- It is a portrait of Jesus' crucifixion seven centuries before it ever occurred.
- The point of these verses, I believe, is that Jesus' suffering would be a sore sight for one's eyes.
- It is a welcome sight for the sore soul. Because in this suffering, man's greatest need is addressed.

1 We Are Left Without a Physical Description of Jesus

Isaiah 53:2–3

- Here is the greatest person who has ever lived in the history of humankind. And we know so little about what he looked like.
- There's been nothing left to us as a physical portrait of Jesus. And that may be telling us something.
- I don't even believe this picture in Isaiah 53 is suggesting Jesus was ugly. It's saying his suffering was an ugly event.
- The importance of who Jesus was and what he did was not based upon what he looked like, but who he was. What he accomplished.

2 Weakness Produces Strength

2 Corinthians 12

- It speaks of the heroes of faith. In chapter 11, it says, by weakness they were made strong.
- He prayed three times, and the answer was, my grace is sufficient for you.
- It makes us realize our dependence upon one greater than ourselves.
- In his most weak moment, when his flesh is failing in those six hours upon the cross, the greatest strength he ever displayed.
- It causes us to look outside of ourselves to others.
- And as a result of that weakness, He is now our strength.

3 Focus on Character and on Spiritual Aims

2 Corinthians 4:18; 1 Peter 3; Galatians 3:27

- Nothing about Jesus dying on the cross would be attractive to our eyes. But the real attraction is what it afforded to us.
- Bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things. Having promise of the life that now is and the life that is to come.
- The outer man is decaying, but the inner man, I'm alive and well there.

- How much thought and time are you giving to the outer carton in relation to the time and thought and effort that you're giving to the development of the inner person.
- Make sure that you're more about adorning the inner person than flaunting the carton.
- As many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have clothed yourselves with Christ.

4 View All of Life With Spiritual Lenses

- We should view all of life with spiritual lenses for clarity of vision.
- Are we viewing them through spiritual lenses or carnal lenses?
- Choosing the Lord's way will not guarantee freedom from difficulty or pain. It did not for our Lord, but holds promise of exceeding rewards, both presently and eternally.
- From an occasion that we hardly could look upon to now being at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need to come to him for purification?

MY NOTES