

Songs of the Servant: Isaiah 52

1. An Astounding Exaltation.

“See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.” (Vs. 13)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

2. An Astounding Humiliation

“Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness— so he will sprinkle many nations” (or “many nations will be amazed at Him”)

“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.” Psalm 22

3. An Astounding Declaration

“kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.”

“For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” Matthew 24.25

“Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. Matt 24:29-31

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, “Let us break their
chains and throw off their shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven
laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and
terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my
holy mountain.” Psalm 2:1-6

“It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation. Rather, as it is written: ‘Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand’” Romans 15:20-21