

March 19, 2017
Isaiah 53:1-3

THE GREAT REJECTION

I. Introduction:

- A. **Executive Order 9066**

- B. **Can you recall a time when you felt despised or rejected?**

- C. **Lenten Series: (Read These Verses Often)**

Isaiah 52:13-15	The Great Reversal
Isaiah 53:1-3	<u>The Great Rejection</u>
Isaiah 53:4-6	The Great Replacement
Isaiah 53:7-9	The Great Restraint
Isaiah 53:10-13	The Great Reward

II. Three Ways We Reject Christ Today:

A. **We Reject Christ When We Don't**

“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?” Isaiah 53:1

B. **We Reject Christ When We Don't**

“He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.” Isaiah 53:2

C. We Reject Christ When We Don't

"He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem."
Isaiah 53:3

POINTS TO PONDER Week of March 19th to 25th Isaiah 52:12 to Isaiah 53:12

Open It

1. *What kinds of human suffering are particularly abhorrent and difficult for you to watch?
2. What personal experience can you relate about the suffering of the innocent?

Explore It

3. How did God, through Isaiah's prophecy, characterize the actions of the coming Servant? (52:13)
4. What opposite reactions would people have to the Messiah before and after His suffering? (52:14-15)
5. *What was unbelievable about the message of God's chosen deliverance? (53:1-3)
6. What did Isaiah prophesy about the attractiveness of God's Servant? (53:2-3)

7. What would actually be happening when people were assuming that God was punishing Jesus? (53:4)
8. *What would the wounds of the Messiah accomplish for all believers? (53:5)
9. In what way did Isaiah illustrate people's sinfulness? (53:6)
10. What has God done with the sin of each human being? (53:6)
11. *How did Isaiah say that the Messiah would respond to mistreatment and suffering? (53:7)
12. What earthly heritage would remain for the Messiah? (53:8)
13. In what way would the Messiah's death not fit the deeds of His life? (53:9)
14. What was God's will in relation to the life of His Son? (53:10)
15. What "satisfaction" did God promise would follow the suffering of the Messiah? (53:11)
16. Why did Isaiah say that the Messiah would be exalted and "divide the spoils"? (53:12)

Get It

17. Why do you think some people tend to despise those who suffer?
18. How important is it to be attractive in order to be held in high regard?
19. What are the different ways in which a person might attract a following?

20. How is the imagery in God's prophecy of the mission of the Messiah full of meaning?
21. Why was it necessary for a righteous servant to be the bearer of sins?
22. *What great spiritual treasures were gained for us by the death of Jesus Christ?
23. *What sufferings of Jesus (such as those described in Luke 23:1-56) were foretold in Isaiah 53?

Apply It

24. *What one goal for your relationship with God can you work on in the coming weeks by contemplating His sacrifice for you?
25. How can you plan to answer the next person who questions you about Jesus' humiliation and suffering?