

March 12, 2017
Isaiah 52:13-15

THE GREAT REVERSAL

I. Introduction:

The Great Reversal Isaiah 52:13-15

Lenten Series on Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 - Form one
“pericope” = one coherent unit of thought – The theme is
Jesus as the Suffering Servant

- Isaiah 53:1-3 The Great Rejection
- Isaiah 53:4-6 The Great Replacement
- Isaiah 53:7-9 The Great Restraint
- Isaiah 53:10-12 The Great Reward

II. The Background Of Isaiah:

III. The Great Reversal:

A. The Servant Will Be Exalted (vs. 13)

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and
lifted up and **highly exalted.**” Isaiah 52:13

B. The Exaltation Is Contrasted With His Humiliation: (vs. 14-15)

¹⁴ 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—**¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,
and 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. Isaiah 52:14-15

The Agony of Christ's Crucifixion:

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They **stripped** him and put a **scarlet robe** on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a **crown of thorns** and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and **mocked** him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They **spit** on him, and took the staff and **struck him** on the head **again and again**. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.
Matthew 27:27-31

IV. Conclusion and Application:

POINTS TO PONDER **Week of March 12th to 18th** **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?