

**“Man of  
Sorrows”**

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- Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him...

- [3] He is despised and rejected of men; **a man of sorrows**, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

- This was written some 800 years before the coming of Christ
- The man from Ethiopia was reading from this text when Philip found him
- The teaching about a suffering Savior did not fit into the common Jewish understanding of the Messiah

# 1 Cor. 1:23

- But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

# 1 Cor. 1:24

- But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

- Why did Isaiah, by inspiration, describe the Savior as a “man of sorrows”?

- I. Though He was the Son of God, He chose to live as a servant

## **A servant of that day:**

- Was a slave
- The lowest of the low in society
- They owned no possessions
- They had no family
- They simply did their masters will

- The Roman government used crucifixion as the penalty for slaves who got out of line
- Due to their position in life and the hardships they faced – servants were men and women of sorrow

# Jesus – The Son of God and Creator of all things

- Jn. 1:1-3
- “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

## Col. 1:16-17

- For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

# Jesus chose to live as a servant!

- No earthly palace – no middle class –  
He chose poverty
- **Mt. 8:20**
- “And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.”

## **Mk. 3:35 – He identified his family**

- For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

## **Jn. 8:29 – He chose to do his master's will**

- And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

- He left heaven where he had it all to come to earth to live in a lowly and deprived state
- “Jesus was the man of sorrows because He was the Creator slaving to his creation.”

## Heb. 5:8

- Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

- II. Even though he proved his message to be true, many rejected it

- It is discouraging to know you have the truth on some particular matter and few, if any, chose to believe it

# Jesus knew the truth

- Jn. 8:31-32
- “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

# Jesus proved his words to be true

- Jn. 3:2

- “The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”

# Yet many rejected Jesus

- Jn. 1:11
- “He came unto his own, and his own received him not.”

## **Mt. 27:20-23**

- But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas...

- Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

- III. Though he was innocent, he chose to die for the sins of many

# JESUS WAS INNOCENT!

- 1 Jn. 3:5
- “And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”

# 1 Pet. 2:22

- Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

# He bore the sins of others

- 1 Pet. 2:24
- “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

## **Rom. 5:6-8 – He, the innocent suffered & died for the guilty**

- For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die...

- But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

## 1 Pet. 3:18

- For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

# **Conclusion – Jesus ever lives to make intercession for those who come to him**

- **Heb. 7:25**
- “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”