

Falling to Our Knees

Isaiah 53 Series – Part 1

Scripture text – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Introduction

- We're pausing our series through *Mark* for 4 weeks in order to study Isaiah 53.
- Isaiah 53 is widely-regarded as the greatest chapter of the _____.

Context

- Isaiah (the man) was God's spokesperson to the nation of Israel for over _____ years (740-686 BC).
- For almost all these years, Israel was in a state of _____.
- The first 39 chapters of Isaiah are mostly about _____. However, in the remaining 27 chapters, Isaiah speaks of _____.
- Most notably, this hope will be a person whom Isaiah calls "the _____." Isaiah writes _____ poems about this person.
- Isaiah 53 is the _____ poem and reveals the precise details of the Servant's _____.

Exaltation

- The poem begins with a _____ exaltation of the Servant. In Hebrew literature, to repeat something 3 times is to raise it to its _____ degree.
- The point is that no one will ever be exalted or esteemed as he will be.
- The threefold exaltation parallels the 3 _____ of Christ's exaltation.
 - High: His _____
 - Higher: His _____
 - Highest: His _____
- The primary purpose of our gathering each Sunday is to _____ Christ. Many do so _____; others are restrained & _____.

Humiliation

- However, prior to his exaltation, the Servant will be _____.
- “Humiliation” is the word the global church has used to describe what was _____ to Christ from the time of his _____ until his body was placed in the grave.
- The humiliation was so extreme that people who saw him were _____, _____ & _____.
- His face and body were so physically abused that he no longer appeared _____.

Vindication

- The Servant will be vindicated at his _____.
- “*He will sprinkle many nations*” means that the people of the earth will be _____ when he returns. Immediately, everyone will _____ who he is.
- After stunned silence, most will scream in _____ and try to hide themselves. But, those who love him will fall to their _____ in joyful adoration.