

Jesus Was Alone – 04/12/20

TEXT- Isaiah 53:3-5

INTRO – Jesus’s loneliness reached its apex the moment he became sin for us **2 Corinthians 5:21** on the cross and was “forsaken” by his Father **Matthew 27:46**. First he was estranged by sinlessness and then from being sin. Jesus knew supreme rejection and loneliness.

Which makes him perfectly suited to understand yours. He is a high priest who can sympathize with this weakness **Hebrews 4:15**.

Heb 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Joh 16:32-33 *Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

Dr. J. Oswald Sanders was the General Director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship for many years. Near the end of his life, Dr. Sanders wrote a book called, *Facing Loneliness* In that book Dr. Sanders said, A recent survey reveals that loneliness is the biggest problem confronting teenagers today. He went on to say, All these factors combine to produce loneliness. It is not surprising, therefore, that the suicide rate among young people is so high. The Lord Jesus Christ went through bitter loneliness when He was on earth. This is vividly expressed in our text, in **Isaiah 53:3-5**.

I. Jesus was despised and rejected.

Isa 53:3 *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.*

- **He was born in a lowly stable**
- He began His ministry, with a few poor fishermen, a few women, tax collectors and harlots.
- **Religious leaders “despised and rejected” Him.**
- **He was alone in the garden**

The night before He was crucified, Jesus was left alone in the Garden of Gethsemane. While His disciples slept He prayed in agony alone, “And his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground” **Luke 22:44**

- **The soldiers came to arrest him in that Garden**
- **The Disciples fled from Him –**

Mat 26:56 *Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.*

They “hid their faces from him,” as He was dragged away and beaten half to death by the Roman soldiers. **Isa 53:3**

- **After they scourged Him**, the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate brought Him out before the crowd, and said, “*Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him*” **John 19:5-6**

- **No one spoke in His defense.** He was “*despised and rejected of men*” **Isa. 53:3** They took Him up a hill and nailed Him to a cross, alone. “*He was despised, and we esteemed him not*” **Isaiah 53:3**

- **It was alone the Saviour prayed in Gethsemane;**

Alone He drained the bitter cup,

And suffered there for me;

Alone, alone, He bore it all alone;

He gave Himself to save His own;

He suffered, bled and died Alone, Alone.

Isa 63:1-6 *Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. 6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.*

- **He was alone at His trial.**

Peter denied Him Luke 22:60-61 *And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord how he had said unto him, *Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice**

- **He was alone at His crucifixion**

Mat 27:45-46 *Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?* that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

Psa 22:1 *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*

II. Jesus bore our griefs and sorrows.

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...” **Isaiah 53:4**

Dr. J. Vernon McGee said; Notice that it was **our** sorrows and **our** griefs that He bore (J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible*)

Dr. Gill said, All the sorrows and griefs which Christ bore were not for any sins of his own.

“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” (**I Peter 2:24**).

All of the grief, and sorrow, and loneliness – that comes directly or indirectly from your sin – were placed “in his own body” as He died on the Cross.

Rom 3:24-25 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you washed in the blood,

In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

2 Co 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

III. Christ heals sin and its consequences.

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed” **Isaiah 53:5**

Matthew Henry said,

Our sins and our sorrows and our griefs...our original corruptions are the sicknesses and diseases of the soul...Our actual transgressions are the wounds of the soul...Or our sins are called our *griefs and sorrows* because all our griefs and sorrows are owing to our sins...[But] the laying of our sins upon Christ implies the taking of them from us...They were laid upon Christ when he was made sin (that is, a sin-offering) for us, and redeemed us from the curse of the law

You have broken God’s law. You are under a curse. Loneliness, heartache and grief are results of that curse. But, thank God,

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse” (**Galatians 3:13**).

“With his stripes we are healed” (**Isaiah 53:5**).

Do you feel lonely and incomplete? This is a result of sin, your own sin, the sin of the whole race of humanity, and the sin you inherited from Adam. But when you come to Christ by faith, your sin is pardoned. The grief and sorrow of sin is healed by the suffering and death of Christ – “with his stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). When you come to Christ you are *saved!* That’s a word used throughout the New Testament – you are saved! The Bible says, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” **Acts 16:31**

Why be lonely? Come home – to church!

Why be lost? Come home – to Jesus Christ, the son of God and be saved!”

CONCL –

Saved by His power divine,

Saved to new life sublime!

Life now is sweet and my joy is complete,

For I’m saved, saved, saved!

Php 4:4-9 *Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*