

Isaiah 53:8-9

His Death, Burial, and Resurrection

1. The Big Question - Acts 8:26-40

- a. Acts 8 is account of two condemnations: strangers from the north, queen of the south
- b. Acts 8:28 - An Ethiopian eunuch was reading - Isaiah 53:7-9
 - i. Isa 53 speaks about Israel's blindness in crucifying their Messiah, then repenting
 - ii. Acts 8:31 occurs after Israel's blindness and before their repenting.
 - iii. Once before an Ethiopian believed when Jerusalem condemned - Jer 39:15-18
- c. Acts 8:34 - His question: "Of whom speaketh the prophet?" 1) himself, 2) another man
 - i. Read as Isaiah it speaks to his own death - Isaiah 8:16-18, Heb 11:37
 - ii. The ancient understanding of Isa 53 was that it refers to a person (not a nation)
 - iii. "*my people*" is Israel, not the one silent, cut off, or that made his grave - 7-10
- d. Philip preached Jesus: there are dozens of perfect fulfillments (e.g. Ps 22 and Isa 53)
 - i. What did Isa 53 teach him? "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God"
 - ii. Peter also preaches Jesus as a fulfillment of prophecy - Acts 10:36-43

2. 53:8-12 - His Death, Burial, Resurrection

- a. 8 - "*cut off out of the land of the living*" - the first clear statement of his death in Isa 53.
- b. 9 - "*grave with the wicked*" - He died condemned a sinner - Mk 15:27-28, Lk 23:32-33
- c. "*with the rich in his death*" - By the rich, where the rich laid - Mt 27:57-60, Jn 19:40-42
- d. "*because he had done no violence*" - These just men consented not - Luke 23:50-53
- e. "*neither...deceit in his mouth*" - quoted by Peter in 1 Peter 2:22
- f. 10 - "*when [he dies]... he shall prolong his days*" - How is this? Psa 16:10 & Pentecost
- g. 12 - "*will I divide him a portion with the great*" - Impossible unless he lives. Isa 52:13
- h. Isa 53 is the Pentecostal message, Peter appeals to wicked Israel to repent and fulfill it.
- i. Isa 53 is the repentance of wicked Israel, confessing their sin concerning his DBR
- j. Isa 53 is not the glory of the cross, your crucifixion, or the crucifixion of the world
- k. We preach Jesus Christ according to the mystery, which is revealed after Isa 53.

3. The Importance of Isaiah 53

- a. The most significant event in human history is described in detail in Isa 53
- b. His death fulfills both prophecy and mystery - Acts 3:17-18 and 1 Cor 2:7-8
- c. His death was according to scriptures taught by Peter and Paul - 1 Cor 15:3-4
- d. They both preach his death, burial, and resurrection - 1 Cor 15:11
- e. Paul preaches Isaiah and Psalms in Acts 13:26-37 for Israel to believe his gospel
- f. His death affects both heaven and earth - Col 1:20