



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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**"We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify
and enjoy God
everywhere and
in everything."**



Jesus Wasn't Stunningly Attractive but Saul and David Were

How good looking does one have to be for inspired scripture to declare your beauty? There are 20+ people* in scripture that are described as attractive. King Saul was not only good looking but tall (1 Samuel 9:2). David's palace had 7 biblically declared beautiful people traipsing it's hallways.

In contrast, Isaiah 53:2 makes it clear that Jesus was just an average looking 1st Century Galilean man (not ugly, just plain). What attracted a crowd was holiness and authority (both word and action/power), not beauty. The Incarnation placed him in the countryside and not the palace. He attracted a crowd with His goodness.

"...He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him." Isaiah 53:2b

This might seem like an insignificant statement but it packs quite a punch when set in the context of a few other passages:

1 Samuel 9:2, "...There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he (Saul)..."

1 Samuel 16:12, "...Now he (David) was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome..."

1 Samuel 16:7, "For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

Unlike Saul who was handsome and tall...and hiding in the luggage, disobedient and ultimately rejected. Unlike David, who was handsome and a man after God's own heart but tragically proved himself a very flawed king. Jesus was not stunningly attractive rather He grew a crowd because He stood out in so many other ways.

Isaiah 53 continues by prophesying the cross and explaining Penal Substitutionary Atonement; verse after verse, statement after statement, phrase after phrase. Jesus is captivating as our sacrificial lamb.

One more relevant verse, "You are the most handsome of the sons of men..." Psalm 45:2a

In a Psalm that is likely talking about the Messiah, the King is called the handsomest of men. Turns out the most beautiful was the plain old carpenter that died and rose again.

Take the time to read Isaiah 53 this weekend and be amazed by Jesus!

Pastor James



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:00am & 10:30am

**"When Jesus' Heart Goes
Pitter-patter"
Luke 9:10-17**

Pastor Benji

<https://youtube.com/live/rqceUQceQP4>

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE... **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS**

Sunday September 13th @ 10:30am in Room 504, next to our fellowship lounge. Our membership classes are geared for those wanting to become Grace Baptist Church members or needing more information about who we are as a church.



Beckie McBurney will be remembered in a **Celebration of Life** on Saturday, August 29 at 1:00 PM in Grace Hall. Please join the family to share memories of her. If you have something you would like to share but are not able to attend please send them to Carolyn at grammakitty@verizon.net or find her at church.

If you plan to attend the Celebration please RSVP if possible, or just come at the last minute. There will be light refreshments following. If anyone is available to help set-up, serve or clean-up please contact Carolyn.

Thank You Grace Family for carrying us in Prayers the past 9 months.

AWANA Recruiting Sunday



AWANA is starting in 24 days, and we need volunteers to sign up to share the gospel with children and train them to serve Him. **September 16th - May 5th.**

For any questions call
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Junior High
&
High School
(7th-12th Grades)

End of Summer Camp
@ Lopez Canyon
Conference Grounds

Chapel / Crazy Games /
Youth Baptism on Monday

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The CHOSEN - Season 2
Sunday @ 6pm
Ed Building
Prayer @ 5:30pm

Making Disciple - Making Disciples