

IV. THE SUFFERING SERVANT (Isaiah 53)

* What **SUFFERING** have you experienced in **LIFE**?

A. The **ATONING SUFFERING** of the **SERVANT** of the **LORD**. (vss. 1-3)

1. Notice the 2 questions asked in vs 1: Who will **BELIEVE** our **REPORT**? And to **WHOM** is the **ARM** of the **LORD** revealed?
2. In vs 2, the metaphor "*A Tender plant as a Root out of a Dry Ground*" places emphasis on the **LACK** of **PHYSICAL ATTRACTIVENESS** of **JESUS**.

- What **ATTRACTED** you to **JESUS**?
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(John 14:16,17, 26; 16:7-14)

- The "**ROOT** out of **DRY GROUND**" is most **LIFE-GIVING ROOT**. Because **ALL** who **ABIDE** in **HIM** shall bear **FRUIT**. (John 15:1-8)
3. In vs 3, we see the **UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS** in which **JESUS**, the Messiah would endure.
 - Jesus was despised for several of reasons: He was from Galilee, an area of Israel often "*disrespected.*" (John 7:40-44) And He was also from the town of Nazareth, where the question was asked, "*Can anything good come out of Nazareth?*" (John 1:46)
 - Jesus, the **LIGHT**, came into the world but He was despised and hated by the Jewish leaders. (Matt. 13:54-58; John 1:9-12; 3:18-21)
 - Anything or Anyone you **DESPISE**, you will **REJECT**. (1 Pet. 2:4-10)

"JESUS SUFFERED on BEHALF of and in PLACE of GUILTY SINNERS." (Rom. 5:6-9)