

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Title: Receive and Believe the Report

Series: The Centrality of the Lamb

Text: Matthew 21:1 - 17

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the effects of RECEIVING and BELIEVING in the TRUTH that Jesus Christ is the LAMB of GOD stricken for my transgressions.

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Introduction:

Read: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

~ Insert – B.C. cartoon strip (NOT Peanuts!)

Note by J. Sidlow Baxter on Isaiah 53 :

~ “In both a literary and prophetic sense it is a wonderful chapter. It gathers into vivid concentration all the various scattered references of the Hebrew prophets to our Lord’s redemptive work. In its photographic description of our Lord’s unattractiveness and rejectedness, his unretaliating submissiveness and vicarious sufferings, his fearful travail and final triumph, it is all together of a sublime character unexcelled anywhere, either inside or outside the Bible.”

1. Report Regarding the “Servant”:

Isaiah 52:13 - 15

~ verse 13, “my servant”

Matthew 20:28, “even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

~verse 13, “he shall be high and lifted up”

John 12:32 - 33, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. (33) He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.”

~ verse 14, “his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,”

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~ verse 15, “for that which has not been told them they see,”

1 John 1:1, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—”

Isaiah 53:1, “Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

Illustration from Lindsay, Ontario

2. Record of the Divine Mid-point of Isaiah 53:

~ Isaiah 53:7, “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.”

3. Record of “OUR” Benefits:

Human side:

~ verse 4, “Surely he has borne our griefs”

H2470, choliy: malady, anxiety, calamity: - disease, grief, sick (-ness)

~ verse 4, “and carried our sorrows”

H4341, makob: pain, sorrow; pain (physical), pain (mental)

*note – “the two verbs here: He “bore” and he “carried.” Neither of them means to bear away.

Thank God, our Lord did bear our guilt away from us forever, but that is not the emphasis here.

Both the Hebrew verbs used here stress the idea of his bearing our sins and sorrows as a consciously endured pressure of weight.” By J. Sidlow Baxter

~ verse 5, “But he was pierced for our transgressions (trespass, sin, rebellion)”

~ verse 5, “he was crushed for our iniquities (perversity, depravity, guilt or punishment of iniquity);”

~ verse 5, “upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,”

Compare with Romans 5:1

~ verse 5, “and with his wounds we are healed”

Compare with Matthew 8:17; cited in 1 Peter 2:25

~ verse 6, “and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

4. Record of “HIS” Benevolent Actions:

Divine side:

~ verse 8, “By oppression and judgment he was taken away;”

~ verse 8, “that he was cut off out of the land of the living;”

~ verse 9, “And they made his grave with the wicked and with the rich man in his death;”

~ verse 10, “Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief, when his soul makes an offering for guilt;”

~ verse 11, “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;”

~ verse 11, “by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.”

~ verse 12, “because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

Conclusion:

Read Romans 10:1 – 13

Communion

Closing song; At the Cross