

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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

Series Christmas Season 2022 ... 2

Title: Revelation of the Majesty and the Agony of Christ Jesus

Text: Isaiah 52, 53, 54

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation about the DIVINE WILL of our Heavenly Father in His Covenant Promises to Israel as a nation and His Redemptive Purpose in Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

~ We started the Advent devotions with Revelation of the Mystery:

The Revelation of the Kingship of Jesus Christ, The Revelation of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God, The Revelation of Jesus Christ in All Believers, The Revelation of the Lordship of Jesus Christ

~ Reading Isaiah 52, 53 and 54

1. Revelation of the Majesty of Christ Jesus:

~ Isaiah 52:1, *“Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean.”*

Natural observation demonstrates that this prophecy is only partially fulfilled at this current time.

~ Isaiah 52:6, *“Therefore my people shall now my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”*

Again, natural observation tells us that today is NOT “that day.”

~ Isaiah 52:9b – 12, we see a glimmer of the Majesty of the LORD! This Revelation is yet to be fulfilled.

~ Isaiah 54:1 – 4, a season of barrenness and judgment

~ Isaiah 54:5 – 10, captives reminded of their unique relationship to the Almighty God

~ Isaiah 54:11 – 17, God’s majestic work for His people. Is in process now but will be completed!

2. The Revelation of the Agony of Christ Jesus:

~ Isaiah 52:13, *“Behold, my servant shall act wisely, he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.”*

Philippians 2 and Revelation 5 reveal that this has been fulfilled but the natural man will YET see His Glory; as for now...

~ Isaiah 52:14, *“As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind”*

~ Isaiah 53:2 – 3, *“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form of majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. (3) He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”*

~ Isaiah 53:4 – 5, *“Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. (5) But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”*

~ Isaiah 53:6 – 9, notice some of the agonizing phrases: *“laid on him the iniquity of us all, oppressed, and he was afflicted, lamb that is led to the slaughter, cut off from the land of the living, stricken...”*

~ Isaiah 53:10, *“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, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.”*

~ Isaiah 53:11 – 12, *“Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (12) Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin on many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”*

Conclusion:

Three of the main purposes of Christ in the First Advent:

Do the will of the Father – John 6:38 - 40

Seek and save the lost – Luke 19:10

Destroy the works of Satan – 1 John 3:8

