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Are you lonely?

- One unique feature about our humanness that God created...
- Is that we are social beings.
- We *need* people!
- God created Adam, alone.
- Then God created Eve for Adam.
- Now we have people – everywhere!

Loneliness is:

- The painful awareness that we lack close and meaningful contact with others.
- It involves a feeling of inner emptiness, isolation, and intense longing.
- Even when surrounded by others, lonely people often feel left out, unwanted, rejected, or misunderstood.
- Frequently there are feelings of sadness, discouragement, restlessness and anxiety, accompanied by a longing to be wanted and needed by someone else.

The Causes of Loneliness:

- Social loneliness... things that limit close contact with others:
- Development causes... 3 development needs must be met:
- Psychological causes... it depends on perceptions, how we view the world:

May not describe you this morning, but it describes *certain times* of your life!

1 Samuel 53:1-3 - Here in Isaiah 53,

- Jesus, the suffering servant, that we saw last time from *Isaiah 52:13-15*.
- Even though suffering, even though people are appalled, astonished at His gristly death,
- To where leaders are speechless (*v.15*).
- He will “sprinkle,” He will affect the entire world, as forgiveness comes through the cross of the Messiah.
- And He would be exalted as He ascends to Heaven.
- And now, in our text, (*Isaiah 53:1-3*) after just stating the previous, [God continues to speak] He now speaks about the *ignorance* of the suffering servant (Christ).
- God sent Jesus as a plain, ordinary person...
- All alone, because people ignored Him.
- Even His miracles attracted crowds, but *only* for a time.
- **And when He went to the cross and died, no one cared. His disciples ran, and He died all *alone*, for you and me!!**



While the suffering servant *will* forgive so many...

While the leaders and kings are shocked;

Most of the majority will say: “so what”

Look with me here at this text, at 3 things God says about His Son, as He describes the life and ministry of Jesus Christ:

3 THINGS GOD SAYS:

I. Who has believed our message? (*v.1*)

A. Who will believe this story of Jesus? *Will you?*

B. Who will believe what’s been revealed? (*v.1b*) “*arm of the Lord*” – His powerful arm

II. Jesus grew up (*v.2*)

A. Like a young plant – frail

B. He was a root in dry ground – a lowly background

III. He was despised and rejected (*v.3*)

A. Forsaken by people – that’s why the loneliness

B. A man of sorrows – many sorrows, pain in sorrow

Why a man of sorrows?

1. He comes on the scene in such a quiet and unassuming way.
2. He has no extraordinary beauty or attractiveness to draw people. His appearance is quite ordinary.
3. He is rejected because He takes on Himself the pain and the suffering of the world brought on by sin, taking on Himself the sin of the world. *It’s part of His sorrow!*

III. He was despised and rejected (*v.3*)

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B. A man of sorrows – many sorrows, pain in sorrow

C. He’s the One we turn our backs on, “*hid our faces*” (*v.3c*)

He could say like the Psalmist, David (*69:20*).

Acts 8:33, 2 Corinthians 8:9, Philipians 2:7-8

CONCLUSION:

- What is your response to Jesus, the suffering servant?
- What if you were an eyewitness of Jesus, do you think you would have admired Him?
- Have you believed in Jesus the Messiah? The suffering servant who died for you?
- Dear Christian, while so many despised and/or ignored Him...we will not! We will worship Him! *We will remember...*
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