**Christ in Isaiah (SR: Isa. 53)**

The entirety of the Old Testament is intended to point to Jesus, identifying Him as the means of eternal salvation. Great testimonies of Jesus are found centuries before He was born into the world. With the exception of the book of Psalms, there is no greater OT book for prophecies of the Messiah than Isaiah.

**I. Jesus’ Birth and Pedigree**

A. A son, to be born of a virgin (7:14; 9:6a//Matt. 1:23-25; Luke 2:7, 11)

B. Of the line of David (9:7; 11:1, 10; 16:5//Luke 1:31-33)

**II. Jesus’ Nature and Divinity**

A. Jesus possessed the glory of God (6:1-5; 42:8//John 12:41; 17:1-5)

B. Jesus is Mighty God, Eternal Father (9:6b//Luke 2:11; John 10:30)

C. Spirit of the LORD upon Him (11:2; 42:1//Matt. 3:16; 12:18)

D. Father’s delight in the Son (42:1//Mt. 3:17; 17:5)

E. Gentle and humble, peaceable and honest, determined and focused (42:3; 50:7; 53:9b//Matt. 12:19; 26:57-68; 27:11-14; Luke 9:51; 23:9-11; 1Pet. 2:22f)

**III. Jesus’ Ministry**

A. His calling and ministry of salvation (42:1-4; 61:1f//Matt. 12:18-21; Luke 4:16-21)

B. His way would be prepared by a man like Elijah in order that He might preach the gospel of peace (40:3-5//Luke 3:4-6)

C. Time allocated primarily to the region of Galilee (9:1f//Matt. 4:12-16)

D. Heal the infirmed; carried our griefs & sorrows (29:18; 35:5; 53:4//Matt. 8:16f; 11:5)

E. His preaching would harden people’s hearts and He Himself would become a rejected Cornerstone (6:10; 53:1; 28:16//Matt. 21:42-44; John 12:40)

F. Even so, His preaching would open the door to Gentiles (11:10//Rom. 1:16; Gal. 3:28)

G. Ultimately, His ministry would progress after His death and inaugurate the church (2:1-4//Acts 1:8; 2)

**IV. Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection**

A. He was despised, forsaken, sorrowful, aggrieved, oppressed, afflicted (53:3, 7f//Matt. 23:37; 26:36-46; Acts 8:32f)

B. He was beaten, had His beard pulled out, and He was spat upon (50:6//Matt. 26:67- 68; 27:26-31; John 18:22)

C. Silent before His accusers (53:7//Matt. 26:63; 27:12; Mark 15:5; Luke 23:9; John 19:9; 1 Peter 2:23)

D. He was put to death for the world’s sins as a guilt offering (53:4-6, 8//Matt. 20:17-19; John 1:29; Acts 2:22f; 5:30f; 2Cor. 5:21; 1Tim. 2:5f; 1Jn. 2:2)

E. His death was a willing and intercessory death, according to the Father’s will, in order to provide spiritual healing (53:5, 10-12//Matt. 26:39; Mk. 10:45; Luke 23:34; John 1:29; 10:11-18; 12:27; Rom. 3:21-26; 5:17-21; 1Cor. 5:7; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; 1Pet. 2:24)

F. He was numbered among the transgressors and buried in a rich man’s grave (53:9//Luke 22:37; 23:32-43, 50-55; John 19:38-42)

G. He would be resurrected, live to see His seed/believers, and prolong His days (53:10; 55:3//Matt. 28:8-10, 16-20; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:13-51; John 20:11-21:23; 1Cor. 15:3-8, 20-28)

H. Satisfaction of the Messiah and glorious future (53:11f//Heb. 1:1-4)

I. At His name, every knee will bow, every tongue confess (45:22-25; 49:7//Phil. 2:9-11)

For two millennia, God’s people awaited a Redeemer and Holy One. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God gave clear indications of what to expect when He came. There is ZERO doubt that the hundreds of prophecies of the Messiah included in the OT spoke of Jesus. When Jesus of Nazareth was born in a manger, when He preached the gospel, when He was crucified, He was showing without a doubt Who He was—the One Whom the OT writers spoke. His demonstrations show without a doubt the hand of God in the history of mankind. When the early followers of Jesus preached, they went to the Old Testament. Most often, they went to Isaiah. To develop our understanding of Who Jesus is, to know Him, and to share His gospel, we must attend to Isaiah’s prophecies and there recorded fulfillment in the NT. This is a supernatural case for Jesus as Savior and Lord.

God sent His Son to save us from our sins. There is not a single person here today outside the realm of His ability to save. His hand is not too short to save. He calls all to repentance today through His suffering Servant. Believe, confess His name, repent of your sins, and be baptized in the name of Jesus and you will be saved.