

THE BEAUTY OF JESUS

Isaiah 53:1-3

Introduction:

1. How do you picture Jesus in your mind?
 - a. Do you think of him as a tall, slender, red-bearded young man?
 - b. There is no physical description of Jesus in the Bible.
 - c. Jesus did not seek to attract others by His physical appearance.
 - d. He likely looked like an ordinary, average Jew of His day.
2. The beauty of Jesus is seen in who He is, what He is like, and what He did for others.

Discussion:

I. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS LOVE.

- A. He loved little children (Matt. 19:13-15).
- B. He loved the poor and the outcast (Mark 12:37; Luke 15:1, 2).
- C. He loved individuals (John 3:1-5; 4:3-9).
- D. He loved sinners (John 8:2-11).

II. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS COMPASSION.

A. "Compassion" comes from two Latin words:

1. "Com" means "with."
2. "Passion" suggests deep feeling.

B. He had compassion on the sick (Matt. 14:14).

"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick."

C. He had compassion on the grieving (Luke 7:11-16).

D. He had compassion on the hungry (Matt. 15:32-39).

E. He had compassion on the lost.

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'" (Matt. 9:36-38).

III. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS OBEDIENCE.

A. He came to do His Father's will (John 6:38).

B. He learned obedience through suffering.

"Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered, and having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Heb. 5:8,9).

C. He had an attitude of submission (Matt. 26:39).

IV. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS HUMILITY.

A. He gave up Heaven to come to earth.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

- 1. He was born in a stable, not a palace.**
- 2. He grew up in Nazareth, not Jerusalem or Rome.**
- 3. He was a carpenter, not a ruler or warrior.**
- 4. He did not have a home of His own (Matt. 8:19, 20).**
- 5. He came not to be served, but to serve.**

"And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20: 27, 28).

B. He became poor that we might become rich.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

V. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS COURAGE.

A. He was meek, but not weak!

B. He withstood wicked leaders and false teachers.

- 1. He called Herod "a fox" (Luke 13:31, 32).**
- 2. He called the religious leaders "blind guides," "fools," "hypocrites," and "offspring of vipers" (Matt. 23).**

C. He cleansed the temple (John 2:13-17; Matt. 21:12, 13).

VI. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IS SEEN IN HIS FORGIVENESS.

A. He taught we must forgive in order to be forgiven (Matt. 6:12,

14,15).

- B. He asked God to forgive those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34).
 - 1. Repentance is a condition of forgiveness (Luke 17:3,4).
 - 2. They were forgiven when they obeyed the Gospel (Acts 2: 23, 36-38, 41).

Conclusion:

- 1. Let us all strive to be beautiful like Jesus.
- 2. It is hard to understand why anyone would reject Jesus.
 - a. Many who knew Him in the flesh rejected Him (Isa. 53:3; John 1:11).
 - b. The majority of people reject Him today.
 - c. Some claim to believe in Him but refuse to obey Him.

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say” (Luke 6:46)?
- 3. Will you reject Jesus also (John 6:66-69)?