

THE BEAUTY OF JESUS

Isaiah 53:1-3

Introduction:

1. How do you picture Jesus in your mind?
 - a. A tall, slender, handsome, young man with red hair and beard?
 - b. There is no exact physical description of Jesus in the Bible?
2. Isaiah's prophecy indicates there was nothing in His physical appearance that was outstanding.

"He has no form nor comeliness, and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him" (Isaiah 53:2).

3. Jesus did not seek to attract others by His physical appearance.
4. Most likely He looked like an ordinary young Jewish man of His day.
5. 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 WONDERFUL LOVE.
 - A. He loved little children and blessed them (Matthew 19:13-15).

"But Jesus said: 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven'" (Mt. 19:14).

- B. He loved the poor and outcast.

"The common people heard Him gladly" (Mark 12:37).

"Then all the tax collectors and sinners drew near to Him to hear Him" (Luke 15:1).

- C. Jesus loved individuals such as Nicodemus and the woman (1)

- at the well (John 3:1-5; 4:3-30).
- D. He hated sin, but loved sinners such as the woman taken in adultery (John 8:2-11).

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

- A. Compassion is from Latin: “com” means “with” and “passion” suggests “deep feeling;” therefore, “to feel with deeply.”
- B. Jesus had compassion on the suffering:
1. He had compassion on the multitude and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14).
 2. He had compassion on the widow of Nain whose only son had died (Luke 7:11-16).
 3. He had compassion on the hungry and fed them (Matthew 15:32-38).
 4. He had compassion on the lost (Matthew 9:36-38).

III. THE BEAUTY OF JESUS IN HIS SUBMISSION AND OBEDIENCE.

- A. Jesus said: “For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him Who sent Me” (John 6:38).
- B. He learned obedience through His 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 prayed: “Not My will, but Yours be done” (Luke 22:42).

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

- A. He gave up Heaven to come to earth; He gave up Godhood to become man (John 1:1-3, 14).

“Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who,
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existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled Himself becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:5-9 - ASV 1901).

1. He was born in a stable, not a king's palace.
2. He grew up in despised Nazareth, not Jerusalem or Rome.
3. He was a carpenter, not a ruler or warrior.
4. He did not even have a home of His own (Matt. 8:19,20).
5. He did not come 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” (Matthew 20:27,28).

- B. **Jesus became poor that we might become rich; He left Heaven that we might go to Heaven.**

“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 Corinthians 8:9).

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

- A. **He was meek (strength under control) not weak!**
- B. **He withstood wicked leaders and false teachers.**
1. He called Herod “a fox” (Luke 13:31-33).
 2. He upbraided the highest religious leaders for their hypocrisy calling them “blind guides, fools, hypocrites, serpents and offspring of vipers” (Matthew 23).
- C. **Twice He cleansed the temple (John 2:13-17; Matthew 21:12,13).**

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

- A. He taught we must forgive to be forgiven (Matthew 6:12, 14,15).
- B. He asked His Father to forgive those who crucified Him (Luke 23:34).

1. Repentance is a requirement for forgiveness:

“If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him” (Luke 17:4,5).

2. They were forgiven when they obeyed the Gospel (Acts 2:23, 36-38, 41).

Conclusion:

1. An old hymn summarizes our lesson:

**“Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity.
May His spirit divine, all my being refine;
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.**

**“From the dawn of the morning to close of day,
In example, in deeds, in words, and in all you say;
Lay your gifts at His feet, ever strive to keep sweet;
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you.”**

2. Let us strive for the beauty of Jesus that never fades.
3. Why would anyone reject so appealing a person as our Lord?
 - a. Many who knew Jesus in the flesh turned away from Him (Isaiah 53:3; John 1:11).
 - b. The majority reject Him today (Matthew 7:13,14).
 - c. Many claim to believe in Him; few really obey Him (Luke 6:46).
4. Only those who obey Him will be saved (Hebrews 5:9).

