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THE CHRIST OF PROPHECY

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”

John 3:16.

IMMANUEL — "GOD WITH US"

Matt. 1:23

- INNOCENT** Judas said so, Matt. 27:4
 Pilate said so, Matt. 27:24
 The thief said so, Luke 23:41
 The centurion said so, Luke 23:47.
- MAN-GOD** Half human, Phil. 2:7, 8.
 Half Divine, I Tim. 2:5.
 Made lower than angels, Heb. 2:9;
 John 1:1, 14.
- MANNA** Bread from heaven, food for the
 soul, John 6:32-35; 6:51, 58;
 I Cor. 10:3, 4.
- ALL-IN-ALL** To the individual, Col. 2:9, 10.
 To the church, Eph. 1:23.
 To all nations, Col. 3:11b.
 To all races, John 10:16; Rev. 1:6.
- NAME** His Father's, John 5:43.
 Above the angels, Heb. 1:4.
 Hope of Gentiles, Matt. 12:21.
 Key to all true blessings, John 14:14-16.
- UNIVERSAL** For every one, John 3:16.
 The whole creation, Mark 16:16.
 Jews and Gentiles, Eph. 2:13-16.
 All nations to flow into his kingdom,
 Isaiah 2:2.
- ETERNAL** Before the world was made, John 1:1-3.
 Before Abraham, John 8:58.
 Hath immortality, I Tim. 6:16.
 More abundant life, John 10:10.
- LOVE** Is of God, I John 4:9.
 Sheded abroad, Rom. 5:5.
 For sinners, Rom. 5:8.
 First loved us, I John 4:19.

"A MAN OF SORROWS"

Isaiah 53:1-6

INTRODUCTION

1. Isaiah is known as the "Messainic Prophet".
2. 53rd chapter most remarkable in the Bible because Christ's sufferings are pictured.
3. Messiah is the remedy for all our ills, 5-6. —
 - (a) He graciously offers to help, Matt. 11:28-30.
 - (b) "Casting all your anxiety upon him", I Peter 5:7.
 - (c) Can do more than we imagine, Eph. 3:20.

ACQUAINTED WITH SORROWS AND GRIEFS

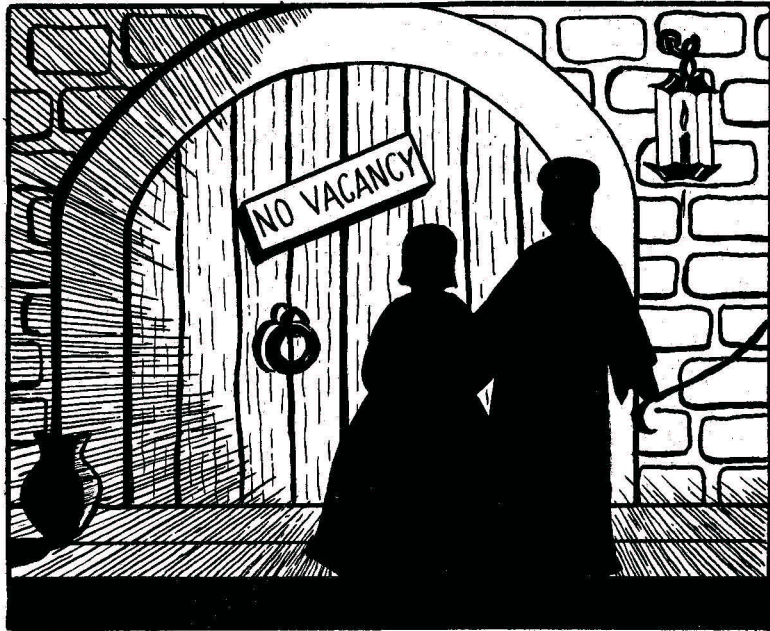
1. Two ways to be acquainted with them.
 - (a) By experiencing them, as humans do, Heb. 2:14, 15.
 - (b) Knowing how to stop them for us, Luke 23:35.
2. The world has sorrows because of sin, Gen. 3:16-19; John 3:16; Rom. 6:23.
3. The province of the gospel to convict of sin, and offer Christ as the remedy for their suffering, Rom. 10:10-17.
 - (a) It helps to know that the Great Physician has endured suffering, that He can help. Heb. 2:18.
 - (b) Old ministers are called the more often for funerals because they have gone through sorrows, being able to offer comfort.
 - (c) If not conscious of suffering we'll not send for a physician. So it is in soul-sickness.
4. Jesus suffered not to gain experience for himself, but to convince us that he *cared*. Heb. 4:11-16.

SOURCES OF THE MESSIAH'S GRIEF

1. God's plan. He placed it upon him, verses 5, 10.
2. His own family, relatives, Luke 2:41-51; John 7:5.
3. Fellow townsmen, Luke 4:20-24.
4. Rejected by the nation. John 1:11; 19:12-16.
 - (a) "A root out of a dry ground"; could not accept him from despised Nazareth. John 1:45-46; 7:52.
 - (b) "Chiefest of 10,000" to those who did accept his "living water". *Song of Solomon* 5:10.
5. Frailty and treachery of his disciples, John 6:66-71.
6. Suffering and sorrows everywhere, John 11:33-36.
7. Eternal consequences of sin, Mark 16:16.

Suggested Hymns:

1. "There Was One Who Was Willing. . ."
2. "Seeking for Me".



"NO ROOM IN THE INN"

Luke 2:7

WHY PREACH ON THE BIRTH OF CHRIST?

1. Not to observe "Christmas".
 - (a) Not even the month is known.
 - (b) Be careful in observing special days, Gal. 4:10-11.
2. Because it is a glorious Bible theme.
3. "Good tidings" for "all the people". Luke 2:10.

THE BIRTH WAS IN A STABLE.

1. The eighty-miles trip to Nazareth, Luke 2:1-7.
2. They fulfilled prophecy, Micah 5:2.
3. God's hand over-ruled the decision of Augustus and the parents' desire to register as David's relatives.

4. "No room", "No Vacancy", in present day words. WHY DID NOT THE INN-KEEPER MAKE ROOM?

1. We can know that, we can know why people today do not have room in their hearts for him.
2. He was ignorant of approaching birth of the Messiah.
- (a) "If thou knewest the gift of God. . ." John 4:10.
 - (b) "There's always room for one more", we often tell a desired guest, and make room, some how.
3. Joseph and Mary were poor, made the poor offering in dedicating Jesus, 22-24; Lev. 12:6-8.
- (a) A rich man could have bought out a roomer.
 - (b) Riches tend to shut Christ out, James 2:6; Rev. 3:17-20.
 - (c) Often humble preachers find no room.
4. They had no social rating, Luke 1:48; Matt. 13:55.
- (a) Compare their clothing,
 - (b) Observe their timidity and humility because the expected infant had no earthly father.
 - (c) Observant Anna comforted them, 36-38.
5. Joseph had no political pull, Herod being ready to slay the infant, Matt. 2:13-16.
6. Less desirable guests occupied his rooms.

APPLICATIONS

1. Jesus seeks entrance into our hearts, Rev. 3:20.
2. He will not break in.
3. We often have to dislodge undesirable guests.

Suggested Hymns:

1. "Who at My Door Is Standing?"
2. "Let The Savior In."

THE VISIT OF THE WISE-MEN:

The Destruction of The Innocent

Matt. 2:1-18

1. "IN DUE SEASON" CHRIST WAS BORN, Rom. 5:6.
 - (1) Jews far and near had expected a king.
 - (2) "In the days of king Herod", 1.
 - (a) Cruel and suspicious, 7, 16.
 - (b) Likely Divine wisdom that the Babe Jesus was contemporary with Herod.