

Application notes – Sunday 14th March

Isaiah 52 V 13 – 53

Mark did an excellent job on Sunday opening up this passage and challenging us with real life changing questions.

These passages are all talking about Jesus! Our glorious spotless saviour. Let's give thanks and praise to the lamb who takes away the sins of the world – worthy of all our praise!!!

Right, let's get to it!

Mark spoke about the DIAGNOSIS: This is the scary part that focusses on the cause of the problem. Mark gave an example of going to the doctor who looked at the facts and came up with the diagnosis for his diabetes. But what's our problem? SIN.

Quote of the sermon **“the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God...”**

In these 2 chapters we see the real diagnosis of our sin. Read through from chpt 53 v 3 – 6. In there you find all the things we once were. We may feel like we weren't that bad but the bible tells us otherwise: we looked down on Him, we rejected Him.

Q1. Do you see this in your own heart? In your own experience? Don't let excuses build up and get in the way of the truth. We need to be on our knees before God. Admitting what state we were really in. We were made for eternal glory – is there something that you are settling for?

Mark then moved on the Good News!! The REMEDY: This can only be applied when we know what is wrong – when we have faced the painful diagnosis!

But oh what glorious news it is!!! SALVATION!

Jesus, our precious Jesus. Poured himself out for us. Mark helpfully pointed out that Jesus wasn't given as a sacrifice because that was what was done for atonement but that God had designed the whole sacrifice set up because it pointed to what Jesus would do for the redemption of mankind.

The rest of the quote in bold **“the essence of salvation is God substituting Himself for man”**

I heard a great quote which I thought I'd slot in here.... *Throughout the whole of history God has said to anyone He has called – obey me and I will save you. Jesus is the only person to whom God has ever said obey me and I will crush you.*

Woah. Personally I am going to take my time over this and ask God for a greater revelation of what this means. What it meant that (as Mark put it) the eternal stepped into time, that the immortal can die, how the perfect spotless one became sin for us.

We should now be on our knees before God because of this majestic news! In awe of His mercy

Q2. Have you given yourself to Him fully? Have you looked up into His gaze and seen the love He has for you in His eyes? Put your everything in Him – Flee from sin and run to the Father.

Hallelujah. Praise the mighty name of Jesus.