

MAIN POINT

Though Jesus looked ordinary by human standards, He is the most extraordinary person that has ever lived.

INTRODUCTION

When was a time you overlooked someone or something because you were expecting the person or thing to look different?

What types of things do we typically expect when envisioning a person of great power and leadership?

Isaiah foresaw that the Messiah would be someone that people would overlook. Isaiah wrote that the Messiah was “despised, and we didn’t value Him.” Jesus was a normal human being, and because He was so ordinary, many people overlooked Him. They didn’t see His value. But because we will heed the Scripture, we can value Christ as the greatest treasure the world has ever known.

DISCUSSION

> READ ISAIAH 53:1-5.

What do you think are the answers to the questions Isaiah posed in verse one?

What words would you use to describe a “young plant”? What is the imagery of “a root out of dry ground”?

What do you think people expected the Messiah to look like? What might you have expected if you had lived before the time of Jesus?

Why do you think that the Messiah was despised and rejected by men?

In what way has Jesus borne our griefs and carried our sorrows?

Why do you think people thought Jesus was afflicted by God when He was actually doing God’s will?

How does this reveal the way we often miss the purposes of God in the world? How does this show that God’s will is often different than our own?

How was the death of Jesus on our behalf? Why does His punishment bring us peace?

APPLICATION

How might we do a good job of showing others what a great gift God has given us in Jesus Christ, that they might not miss Him?