

## **FOLLOWING JESUS FROM ISAIAH—Isaiah 53:1-12**

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Following Jesus is not done by images (John 1:18; 1Tim.6:16), but by example (1Pet.2:21-25).

### **TRUTH NOT THE TREND (52:13—53:1-3)**

1. The example of Christ.
2. Illustration of the Mississippi River rescue attempt.
3. How did the example of Jesus communicate the truth of John 14:6?

### **GRIEF NOT GLADNESS (53:4-5)**

1. Christ purposed to bear the grief of others. To follow the example of our Christ we must prepare for grief not just gladness.
2. Galatians 6:1-2.
3. Illustration of “good grief.”
4. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.

### **GOD'S PURPOSE NOT MAN'S PURPOSE (53:6-9)**

1. Why was Christ willing to be sin for you and me and to experience the judgment and curse that came with it?
2. God's purposes are multi-generational. See v.8.
3. To follow the example of Christ we need to consider our fruit for our grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.
4. Consider the fruit of John 17:20.

### **PERSEVERING UNTIL DEATH NOT DISGUST (53:10-12)**

1. The emphasis in these verses is on Christ finishing the course.
2. Illustration: "I am getting tired so let's just quit."
3. Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Peter 5:8,10.