

Isaiah 53:3

by Chuck Smith

The sermon explores the cost of God's love for humanity, from the prophecies of Jesus' birth to His suffering and death on the cross.

Scripture: Psalm 22:1, Isaiah 53:3, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 1:21, Luke 2:10-11, John 3:16, John 15:13, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 4:9-10

Topics: "Sacrifice of Christ", "God's Love"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the profound cost of God's love as illustrated in Isaiah 53:3, reflecting on the beautiful prophecies surrounding the birth of Jesus and the paradox of His destined suffering. He highlights that while Jesus was born to reign, He was also a man of sorrows, rejected and despised, bearing the iniquities of humanity. Smith explores the mystery of love, noting its power to endure pain and make sacrifices, ultimately leading to the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. He challenges the congregation to consider the implications of celebrating Christmas while failing to honor Jesus as Lord. The sermon calls for a deeper understanding of the love that compelled God to send His Son to die for humanity's redemption.

Transcript

"WHAT IT COST GOD TO LOVE"

Intro: The Christmas story is a beautiful love story. "For God so loved.."

I. BEAUTIFUL PROPHECIES PRECEDED THIS CHILD BORN THAT NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM.

A. "For unto us a child is born...

B. Angel to Mary, "He shall be great...

C. He was born to reign and rule over the whole earth.

1. "Ask of Me and I will give unto thee..."

2. "In Him shall the gentiles trust."

D. His birth was heralded by angels, and marked by a special star, the hope

and desire of the nations had come. This baby was destined for greatness.

II. THIS BABY BORN THAT NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM DESTINED FOR SUFFERING AND SORROW.

A. "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows..."

B. "Psalm 22, beginning with those fateful words, "My God, My God..." describes the agony of death on a cross.

III. THE MYSTERY OF LOVE.

A. One of the strongest forces in world today.

1. It will endure pain.

2. Make any sacrifice.

3. Rise life itself, to protect and shelter.

B. It is a heavenly emotion man has been allowed to experience.

1. It will be the prevailing emotion of God's kingdom.

IV. THINK WHAT IT COST GOD TO LOVE THIS WORLD.

A. Man had utterly failed in the purposes of God.

1. "All we like sheep have gone astray.

a. Rather than submitting to God, rebellion against God.

b. Rather than knowing God, ignoring God.

c. Rather than fellowship with God alienation from God.

B. "And God laid on Him the iniquities of us all.

1. On who? His only begotten Son.

a. "He was wounded for our transgressions."

C. For God to send His Son to reign I can understand.

1. Man in his efforts to govern himself has fouled things up so bad it will take God to straighten things out.

a. Without divine guidance, Carter doesn't have a chance.

2. To bring the power and praise and glory to His Son. I can relate to that.

D. For God to send His Son to suffer and die, I have greater difficulty relating to that.

E. Pity could motivate Him to send His Son to reign.

F. Only love could motivate Him to send His Son to die.

Isn't it sort of a shame for you to celebrate Christmas if you are crucifying Him instead of crowning Him.

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