



Pharisees – The Pain of Rejection

The Road To The Cross Series – Part 2

Isaiah 53:1-7 & Mark 3:6

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Isaiah 53:1-7

¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.



³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.



⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.



Luke 13:34

³⁴ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.



Mark 3:6⁶

Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.



Hebrews 13:5⁵

... , because God has said,
“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”--
(NIV)





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1. Look at the **Hurt** of Rejection.

Isaiah 53:3³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.-- (NIV)



Factors That Can Lead To Rejection



A. The Fear Factor.

John 11:48⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."



B. The Appearance Factor.

Isaiah 53:2² My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.-- (NLT)



C. The Belief Factor.

Matthew 12:13–14¹³ Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.-- (NIV)



D. The Different Factor.

John 7:46⁴⁶ "We have never heard anyone speak like this!" the guards responded.-- (NLT)



E. The Jealousy Factor.

Matthew 27:18¹⁸ He knew very well that the Jewish authorities had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous.-- (GNB)



F. The Expectations Factor.

Mark 8:32 ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.



G. The Value Factor.

Isaiah 53:3³ We despised him and rejected him; he endured suffering and pain. No one would even look at him— we ignored him as if he were nothing.--
(GNB)



2. Receive Healing from Rejection.

Isaiah 53:5⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.-- (NKJV)



Psalm 147:3

**³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.--
(NIV)**



A. God Says You Are Acceptable.

**Ephesians 1:6⁶ to the praise of
the glory of His grace, by
which He made us accepted in
the Beloved.-- (NKJV)**



Psalm 27:10

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.-- (NIV)



B. God Says You Are Valuable.

Luke 12:24²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!



C. God Says You Are **Loveable**.

Isaiah 54:10¹⁰ Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.



D. God Says You Are Forgivable.

**Ephesians 1:4⁴ Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love.--
(TLB)**



John 6:37

37 However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.-- (NLT)



Hebrews 13:5

⁵. . . , because God has said,
“Never will I leave you; never
will I forsake you.”-- (NIV)



2 Corinthians 5:18–19

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.-- (NIV)





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