

## **Isaiah 53 -- Who is one with the Lord?**

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? We have three very big questions for all to answer as they prepare to meet their God. First, have you believed our report? Have you believed the apostles and prophets? This is the first step, believe and be baptized and you shall be saved. Second, has the arm of the Lord been revealed to you? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. The Lord has been despised, and His church has also been despised. Yet the church is the Body of Christ, it is His arm. Christ and the church is a great mystery, every believer needs this revelation. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. This was true of Jesus and it is true of the church. The church has been despised and rejected of men. Many of the saints are men of sorrows, people you hide your face from, people that we esteem not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. If the arm of the Lord has been revealed to you then you have seen that He bore your griefs, carried your sorrows even when you were thinking that He had been smitten by God. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Righteousness requires that the price for sin be paid. We sinned, He paid the price. Because He paid the price we can be healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? This is the third question. If you have the vision of Christ and the church, who will declare His generation? Who will speak? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong

his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. It is amazing when you see the gospel accounts of the Lord going to the cross to be crucified, Judas is betraying Him, Peter is denying Him, Thomas is doubting, and the rest are hiding. They clearly don't know much at all, they fall asleep in the garden as Jesus is being arrested, they think they should be defending Him with swords and spears. Jesus is going to be cut off and you ask yourself "who is going to declare His generation?" Yet here we are two thousand years later, no book is as treasured as the Bible. We can see that every word of the Lord has been treasured, His generation has been prolonged, and His church has prospered in His hand. **11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.** Up through this verse it seems very clear we are talking about Jesus. He is the righteous servant, He has justified many, He is the one who bears our iniquities. But look at how we take a very interesting twist with the next verse. **12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.** If the I is God, then isn't Jesus God? Would you really put Jesus on the same level as "the great" and "the strong". How could anyone compare to Jesus in greatness or strength? So then, if the I refers to Jesus who is the one that Jesus will divide a portion to? Wouldn't it have to be the one who believed the report, the one to whom the arm of the Lord was revealed, the one who declared Jesus' generation?