

Christ Was Oppressed and Wounded

Introduction

- The accuracy of OT prophecy is validated in the NT & non-biblical writings
- The accuracy of OT prophecy validates the truth of Scripture
- The accuracy of OT prophecy validates the truth about Christ
- The accuracy of OT prophecy encourages the believer
- The accuracy of OT prophecy about Christ is worth our consideration

I. He Was Oppressed (Is. 53:3-4, 7)

A. Rejection (v. 3)

“esteemed” means to make a judgment or appraise. Unbelievers appraised Christ as ordinary & worthless. Therefore, He was despised & rejected experiencing sorrows & grief (Mt. 27:25-31).

B. Torture (v. 4, 7)

“stricken” & “smitten” means to cause physical pain. “oppressed” means to exert demanding pressure. “afflicted” means to painfully put down or be made low. Christ was willingly stricken, smitten, oppressed & afflicted by evil people (Mt. 27:32-44).

II. He Was Wounded (Is. 53:5-6, 8-9)

A. Murder (v. 5)

“wounded” or “pierced” means a fatal injury. “crushed” means brokenness that results in death. Both words describe the level of pain & suffering Christ endured before He died (Mt. 27:45-50).

B. Burial (v. 8-9)

“he was cut off out of the land of the living” means that Christ was truly dead physically. Evil people planned for Christ to be buried in a criminal’s grave, but God planned for Him to be buried in a wealthy man’s grave (Mt. 27:57-61).