

# The Suffering and Triumph of the Servant

Text: Isaiah 52:13-15

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## I. The Servant's Glorious Climax (Isa. 52:13)

What would the Servant do? He will act wisely. The phrase *shall deal prudently* means *to make steady favorable progress or succeed, have insight, prosper*.

**The Servant's divine insight will produce effective actions and successful results.**

The Lord Jesus will be exalted. He will be extolled. He will be elevated. These three terms, while similar in meaning, indicate a progression in development. The NET Bible says "He will be elevated, lifted high, and greatly exalted." Jesus was promoted through His sufferings on the cross, He was lifted up even higher through His defeat of death and subsequent resurrection, and He was also elevated to the place of supreme prominence when He was exalted to the right hand of God (**Phil. 2:9**; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; I Pet. 3:22).

The contrast is obvious for Isaiah has spoken of the greatness of God from chapter 40 onward. He has repeatedly shown Jehovah's supremacy over idols, over kings, over kingdoms, and over all of His creation.

## II. The Servant's Gruesome Circumstances (Isa. 52:14)

The people saw that the Servant's appearance (*visage*) was *marred (disfigured)* more than any other person.

The people were truly horrified at what they saw. What they observed was contrary to what they expected to see for someone who was to be exalted.

This describes the totality of His physical suffering, the depths of His humiliation, and the shame that He endured.

## III. The Servant's Gracious Cleansing (Isa. 52:15).

Many would consider this one simply as another servant who suffered, yet He will actually be the One who-cleanses them from their sin (John 1:29; Heb. 10:14). In this work, He will be greatly exalted.

Isa. 64:4 - The truth will now be known as kings recognize that the Servant has died in their place. This message is clearly proven, borne from the heart of the Sovereign God, the Jewish Jehovah who will keep His word. Man could not conceive this word or plan, but God points the prophet's pen to the Servant of the Lord as their – and can I say *our* – only Hope!