APOLOGETICS

IN ONE LESSON



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Lesson 18

"Isaiah 53 is not a good example of fulfilled prophecy"

"Now I remember that, on one occasion, at a disputation held with certain Jews, who were reckoned wise men, I quoted these prophecies; to which my Jewish opponent replied, that these predictions bore reference to the whole people, regarded as one individual."

ORIGEN Contra Celsum

Could Isaiah 53 be referring to the remnant of Israel?

- 1 Historically, this is weird interpretation
- Israel could not bear its own sins
- 3 Israel was not without sin
- The text is singular when it refers to the servant
- 5 Israel was not destroyed

Does the interpretation of Jesus as the Messiah fit the context of the Babylonian exile?

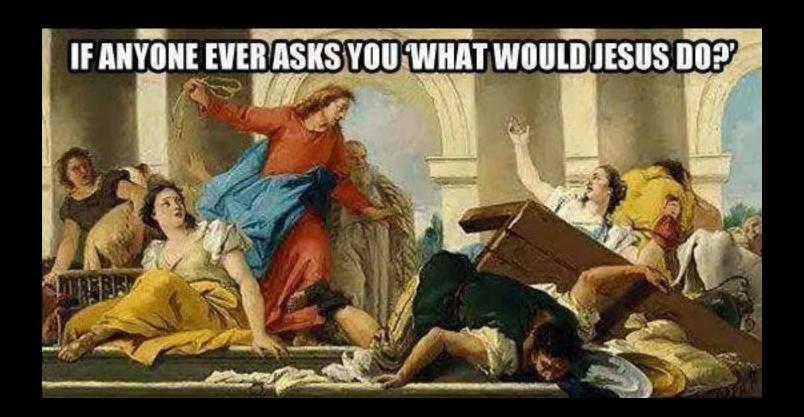
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How can Jesus be the Messiah of Isaiah 53 when the Gospels said the crowds followed Jesus?

Isaiah says the Messiah will be sick and die of disease, unlike Jesus.

Isaiah 53 doesn't *explicitly* say that the servant will rise from the dead.

Isaiah 53 says the servant did no violence; yet Jesus cleared the Temple with a whip!



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