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IN ONE LESSON



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Lesson 17

The Gospel According to God (Isaiah 53)

Key Takeaways (in review)

- There are several passages that explicitly say that Jesus is God (including in Mark)
- There are many passages which make an argument for Jesus' divinity based on Old Testament references
- Many statements from Jesus would be incredibly weird if Jesus isn't God

IDEA IN BRIEF

What?

know that Isaiah 53 predicts the Gospel story in great detail 700 years prior to its arrival

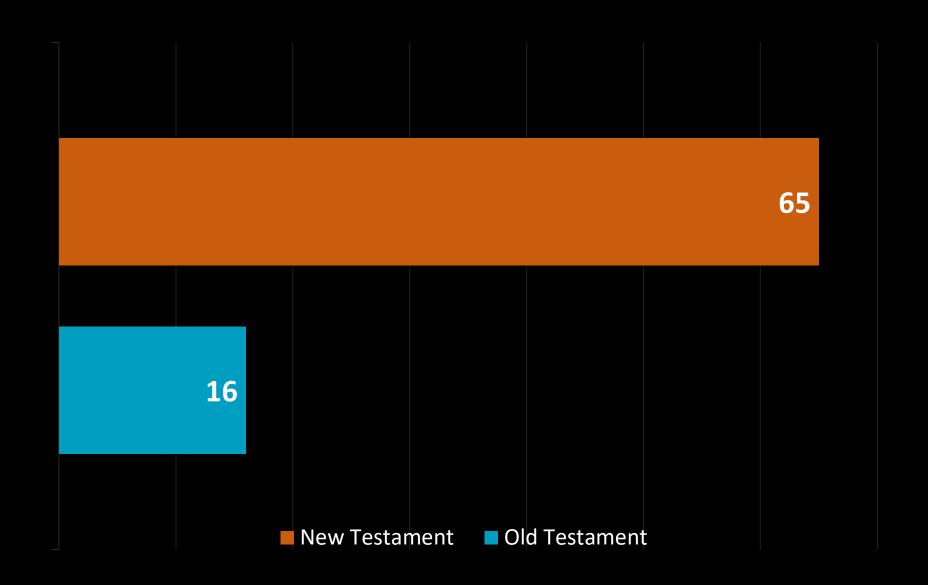
Why?

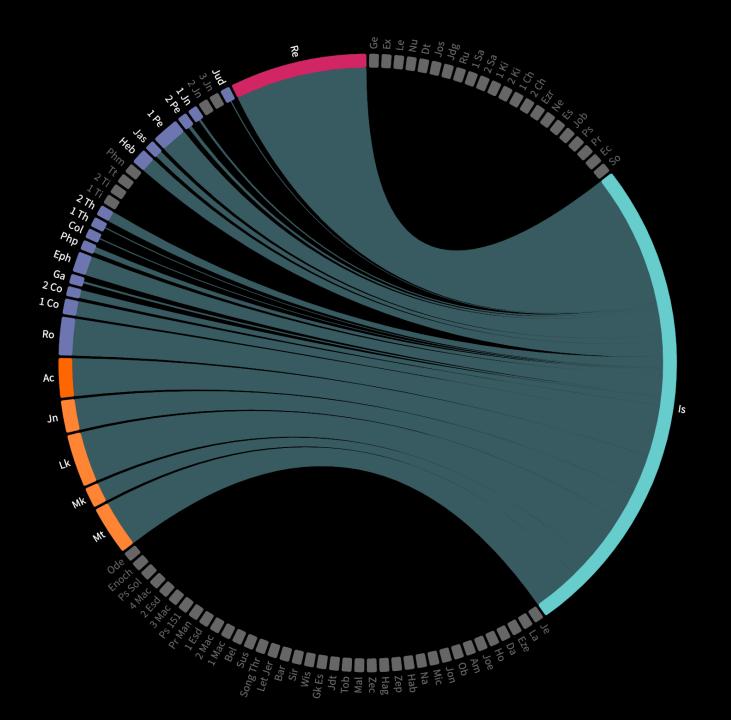
So that can use this example of fulfilled prophecy to support the claim that the Gospel comes from God

How?

By examining how well Isaiah 53 describes the Gospel story

Isaiah Quotations





Isaiah Outline

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judgment leading to captivity
       God's saving work for deliverance
40-66
       40-48 deliverance from Babylonian captivity
       49-57 deliverance from sin
                    center of this section: the cross
                    call to faith for the promise of salvation
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                    mercy extends to Gentiles
                    condemnation of harsh leaders
        58-66 full deliverance from the fall
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52:13-15	Astonishment
53:1-3	Rejection
53:4-6	Substitution
53:7-9	Silence
53:10-12	Triumph

Astonishment (52:13-15)

"Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted."

ISAIAH 52:13

"As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred,
beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—"

ISAIAH 52:14

"so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand."

ISAIAH 52:15

Rejection (53:1-3)

"Who has believed what he has heard from us?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

"For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him."

"He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

Substitution (53:4-6)

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted."

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

"All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all."

4 Silence (53:7-9)

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth."

"By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?"

"And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth."

"as a lamb sports about even while being driven to the slaughter, yea, and licks the very hand that is lifted up to slay it"

CHARLES SIMEON
Horae Homileticae



"At a slaughterhouse for cattle, the mooing is deafening.

At the slaughterhouse for pigs, the squealing is deafening.

But if you were to visit a slaughterhouse for lambs, the silence is deafening."

TOMMY PEELER

Behold, My Servant – Isaiah 53 (18:20)



5 Triumph (53:10-12)

"Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand."

"Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities."

"Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors."