

Communion Meditation – The Suffering Servant
Isaiah 52.15 Remarkable July 3rd, 2011

From Exalted to Tortured

- **Vss 13 and 14** focussed upon Jesus Himself
 - First exaltation ~ then tortured (*an attempt to erase image*)
- But **v15** focuses on His effect upon people – especially Gentiles

v15a ~ “So shall He sprinkle many nations”

- Torture and “*sprinkling*” connected ~ “So” does this
- **Zech 13.1** “*In that day there shall be a fountain opened . . . for sin*”
- **Heb 10.22** “*let us draw near with a true heart . . . having our hearts sprinkled*”

v15b ~ “Kings shall shut their mouths at Him”

- Kings (**of all people on the earth**) are the most powerful / confident / proud
 - To cause them to shut their mouths requires something / someone special
- **Read Psalm 2.1-4** ~ kings may oppose God –but He laughs at them
 - Yet Christ’s death reaches out to them. . . **Read Ps 2.10-11** (*serve, rejoice*)
 - God is no respecter of persons ~ “*shows no partiality*”
 - !!!: Reagan’s funeral ~ pomp & circumstance (*yet coffin w/body central*)

v15c ~ “What had not been told them they shall see”

- Refers to Gentile kings / They were unaware of history of Jews and prophecy
 - **Is 11.10** ~ “*Root of Jesse – Gentiles shall seek Him*”
 - **Is 42.1** ~ “*My Servant . . . will bring forth justice to the Gentiles*”
 - **Is 49.6** ~ “*I will give You as a light to the Gentiles*”
- Such kings had no reason to listen to the Jews / Jews had also stopped talking

v15d ~ “What they had not heard they shall consider”

- But such kings will now listen and consider
 - **Read Is 60.1-3** ~ “*Arise, shine . . . Gentiles shall come . . . kings to the . . .*”

**The sacrificial, atoning death of Christ was something entirely new
Jesus came to a world that didn’t expect Him and turned it upside down
He does the same still ~ He turns us around to follow Him and not sin . . .**