

The Silent Sheep

Acts 8:...26-40

A NT sermon explaining Isa.53

- Perplexity: 30...31, 34
- Passage: 32; Isa.53. 41 NT allusions...
- Plan: 32. 'Led' by Father. Is.53:4-6
- Prophecy: 32-33. 700 BC, yet...
- Providence: 32, 34. Philip – Eunuch
- Puzzle: Isaiah? Jewish nation? ...Who?
- Passive: no resistance...like a lamb

I. The Passage, 32-33

He was led

- The Leader is now led . . .
 - Not by accident
 - Not dragged

Led by Spirit to temptation, Lk.4:1

Led by mob to kill Him, Lk.4:29

Led to H Priest house for trial, Lk.22:54

Led to Council for confession , Lk.22:66

Led to Pilate for sentencing, Lk.23:1

Led by soldiers for crucifixion, Lk.23:26, 32

- Led by God (Jn.1) and His own love, Jn.10

He was led...As a sheep to the slaughter

- Sheep may not know what is about to happen...
- Sheep have no offensive / defensive tools

And as a lamb before its shearer is silent

- Shearing: lamb is passive
- Silent: NOT that He had nothing to say
 - Did NOT beg for mercy; no compromise
 - Did NOT plead His case; try to escape

And as a lamb before its shearer . . .

- Jesus did not...
 - Run away or disappear (Lk.4; Jn.8; 10)
 - Fight back; call angels; destroy enemies (Mt.26)

So He opened not His mouth

As sheep . . . As lamb . . . SO...

He did speak . . .

...in defense of disciples, Mt.26

...to price conscience of Judas, Mt.26

...to correct dishonest accusers, Mt.26

...to warn of coming judgment, Lk.22

...to bless His executioners, Lk.23

...to save a robber worthy of death, Lk.23

So He opened not His mouth

- He spoke also by . . .

...His example. Lk.23:48

...Fulfilled prophecy. Jn.19, soldiers

...His resurrection

In His humiliation His justice was taken away

- **Humiliation:** Lord of Lords, yet...

And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself and became obedient
to the point of death, even the death
of the cross – Ph.2:8.

- **Injustice:** justice would not condemn
innocent man. 1 Tim.3:16
- **Taken away:** Jn.19:15

And who will declare His generation?

1. No one can tell about His descendants because He dies without leaving posterity.
2. If *generation* (descendants) refers to that 'contemporary generation' –
 - 'Who can describe the depth of His contemporaries' depravity?'

For His life is taken from the earth

- All seems lost.
- Results in everything gained.
- Jesus has millions of spiritual descendants.

I. The Passage, 32-33

II. The Person, 34-35

Of whom does the prophet say this? . . .
Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

- Only 'perfect' offering for sin (Is.53:10)
- Philip preached Jesus
 - Ac.8:5, preached Christ
 - Ac.8:12, preached kingdom, name of Jesus
 - Ac.8:25, preached word of Lord
 - Ac.8:35, preached Jesus

Mark 16:15-16

Preach gospel
Belief + Baptism

Ac.8:35 (12) 36-38

Preach Jesus
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III. The Plan, 36-38

Luke explains Jesus' death, burial, resurrection

- Luke recounts eunuch's death, burial, and resurrection in baptism (36-38) – Ro.6.

“One has reason to admire this eunuch. For, unlike Saul, he had no supernatural vision of Christ. Yet he believed, so great a thing is the careful reading of the Scriptures” – Chrysostom

- Neh.8:8

Trials usually focus on what someone did

- Trial of Jesus is based on what He is.
- Jesus was the only perfect one who ever lived, yet . . .
 - despised sinners adored Him
 - religious people hated Him

Summary

He came to earth so we could go to heaven

Born in flesh so we can be born again

Became poor so we can be rich (2 Co.8:9)

Rejected by men so we can be accepted by
God (Ep.1:6)

Was put to death so we could be made alive
(Col.2:13)

One Solitary Life

The church

Lord's day

Lord's Supper

New Testament

Our lives

Our hope

All because of
Lord's influence
beginning
2000 years ago