

Week 3 Jesus in Red Garments (Isa. 63)

I. LOVING JESUS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

- A. We have mixed feelings while loving Jesus in a time of a global crisis. We feel exhilarated by His leadership, sobered and alerted by the trouble emerging across the earth, and pained by the losses of lives and finances and other dynamics occurring at this time.
- B. God offers us grace to love Jesus more.
- C. Jesus loves us in the same intensity that the Father loves Him (Jn. 15:9). Knowing and believing this moves us to love Him more. In the overflow of that love, we are empowered to love others more.
“As the Father loved me, I also have loved you. Abide in my love.” (Jn. 15:9)
- D. Difficult times like this are going to increase more and more.
- E. Our hearts can be selective, choosing certain aspects of His person and denying ones that disturb us.

II. THE JESUS IN RED (ISA. 63)

- A. The “Jesus in red” is the Jesus who executes the Day of God’s vengeance or the Father’s plan of judgment which is necessary to rescue people and the nations from intense wickedness.
¹Who is this who comes from Edom...from Bozrah...traveling in the greatness of His strength?—“I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” ²Why is Your apparel red and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? ³“I have trodden the winepress alone... for I have trodden them in My anger...Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments... ⁴For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.” (Isa. 63:1-4)
- B. The “Jesus in white” speaks of Christ’s beauty, radiance, and glory as seen in Song 5:10-16.
¹⁰My beloved is white [radiant] and ruddy, chief among ten thousand. ¹¹His head is like the finest gold...¹⁶Yes, He is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend... (Song 5:10-16)
- C. There is no contradiction between the “Jesus of Christmas” who brings peace and goodwill and the “Jesus of Armageddon” who executes God’s vengeance against oppressors who harm others.
¹⁰Then the angel said to them, “...I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹For there is born...a Savior, who is Christ the Lord...” ¹³A multitude of the heavenly host... saying: ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Lk. 2:10-14)

III. JESUS AS DIVINE WARRIOR BRINGS SALVATION TO THE NATIONS

- A. The Jesus of the Gospels who gave His life for others is the same Jesus of Isaiah 63, with garments stained with the blood of His enemies. His judgments remove everything that hinders love.
- B. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus took the two disciples through the entire Old Testament, book by book, and demonstrated how each book revealed Him. This includes passages like Isaiah 63 and Zechariah 14. The Bible presents Him as both *Warrior* and *Savior*, with no struggle to reconcile these aspects.

IV. THE GREATEST DESCRIPTION OF THE RISEN CHRIST (REV. 1)

- A. We find the greatest description of Jesus and who He is after the resurrection in Revelation 1:12-18.
¹²Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me...¹³and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (Rev. 1:12-18)
- B. We will forever be filled with wonder as we consider and worship Jesus in His resurrected glory.