**The Glories of the Messiah – Isa. 50**

**Focal Truth: God the Father sent & helped Jesus Christ fulfill His ministry**

**Observations**

1. **God the Father gave Jesus Christ the words of life for His ministry – 50:4**

*The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word*

1. God the Father gave Jesus the words of eternal life

*When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught me – John 8:28*

*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life – John 6:68*

1. The words of Jesus bring encouragement & salvation to the lost

*I did not consider myself worthy to come to You, but* ***just say the word and my servant will be healed*** *– Lk. 7:7*

*Seeing their faith, He said, Friend, your sins are forgiven you – Lk.5:20*

*Jesus said, I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more – John 8:11*

1. **God the Father was with Jesus Christ in His ministry – 50:4**
2. Jesus lived in the awareness of God’s permanent presence in His ministry

*He awakes Me morning by morning, He awakes My ear to listen as a disciple – one who is taught*

1. Jesus knew that God spoke to Him and He told the words of God the Father in His ministry

*The Lord God has opened My ear…*

1. Jesus lived in the assurance of God’s permanent presence with Him

*For I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me – John 8:16*

*And He who has sent Me is with Me, He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him – John 8:29*

1. **God the Father gave Jesus Christ His will to be accomplished in His ministry – 50:5**

*The Lord God has opened My ear….*

1. Jesus Christ spoke what He had heard from God the Father

*For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. – John 12:49*

*My teaching is not Mine, but His who send Me – John 7:16*

1. **Jesus Christ perfectly obeyed the will of God the Father in His ministry – 50:5 – 6**

*I was not disobedient, nor did I turn back*

1. Jesus Christ completely, perfectly obey God’s purpose for His life

*I have glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. – John 17:4*

*The words which you gave Me I have given to them – John 17:8*

*I have given them Your word – John 17:14*

*He said, It is finished! – John 19:30*

*Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for Me; then I said, Behold I have come, in the scroll of the book it is written of Me to do your will, O God – Heb. 10:5 -7*

1. **Jesus Christ was submissive to suffering from sinners in His ministry – 50:6**

*I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting*

1. Jesus endured the physical abuse of sinful men before the cross

*They spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him*

*Matt. 26:67*

*While being reviled, He did not revile in return, while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously. He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, for by His wounds you were healed – 1 Pet. 2:23 -24*

1. **Jesus Christ was confident of God’s help in His ministry – 50:7 -9**

*For the Lord God helps Me, therefore I am not disgraced, therefore I have set My face like flint, I know that I will not be ashamed*

*He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me?*

*Behold, the Lord God helps Me, who is he who condemns Me*

1. Jesus Christ always knew that God the Father was with Him in all of His ministry on earth

*Indeed, the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and leave Me alone. And Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.*

*John 16:32*

1. **Trust in the Lord Jesus the obedient servant of God – 50:10**

*Who is among you who fears the Lord, that obeys the voice of His servant, that walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on His God*

1. Trust in Jesus Christ the one who has come from the Father to be the savior of the world

*The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world*

1. The believer’s union with Jesus Christ is illustrated by Jesus Christ union with God the Father

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of god, who loved me and gave Himself for me – Gal. 2:20*

***Stupendous Height of Heavenly Love – Charles Wesley***

*1 STUPENDOUS height of heavenly love,
Of pitying tenderness divine!
It brought the Saviour from above,
It caused the springing day to shine;
The Sun of righteousness to appear,
And gild our gloomy hemisphere.

2 God did in Christ himself reveal,
To chase our darkness by his light,
Our sin and ignorance dispel,
Direct our wandering feet aright,
And bring our souls, with pardon blest,
To realms of everlasting rest.

3 Come then, O Lord, thy light impart,
The faith that bids our terrors cease,
Into thy love direct our heart,
Into thy way of perfect peace;
And cheer the souls of death afraid,
And guide them through the dreadful shade.

4 Answer thy mercy's whole design,
My God incarnated for me;
My spirit make thy radiant shrine,
My light and full salvation be,
And through the shades of death unknown
Conduct me to thy dazzling throne.*