

The Beauty of Jesus Christ

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**He hath no form nor comeliness;
and when we shall see him,
there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

Isaiah 53:2

Introduction:

1. I am jealous for the glory and honor, praise and reputation, adoration and worship, of the Lord Jesus.
2. Elihu once said to Job, *Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.*
3. I say to you this morning, *Suffer me a little, and I will defend Jesus Christ from the false charge above.*
4. We have for good cause and with Bible support spent several weeks preaching about a diabolical fiend.
5. But in contrast to his ugliness and wickedness, we have a glorious and magnificent King to worship.
6. This is the Son of God, who was worshipped by the angelic host at His birth and also at His ascension.
7. This is the king of the Jews, at His death the sun was darkened, veil torn, rocks rent, and graves opened.
8. This is God's great Redeemer, who when arriving in heaven was given highest honors and worship.
9. But on earth, His own people, to whom He did nothing but good, slandered Him and then killed Him.
10. The Jews, in a plural pronoun with Isaiah the prophet, saw no beauty in Him and so forth (Is 53:1-4).
11. When I read Isaiah 53, I start with Isaiah 52:13 and Isaiah 53:12, and then I take on what is in between.

For this great King, I appeal to you today to hate competitors and adore and exalt our beautiful Lord

Is Beauty an Acceptable Adjective?

1. Before consulting a dictionary to fuss about its meaning of the word, you may trust the inspired scriptures, which boldly declare the beauty of God and other manly objects.
2. It is a shame the word beauty has taken on an effeminate character or sense to some, for just a little thought will recall common uses of it for mighty men in many achievements.
3. Male athletes, even in strength or violent events, are praised as beautiful or a beauty.
4. Boxing matches, football tackles, long homeruns, and other men or acts are beautiful.
5. *That was beautiful! He did it beautifully! What a beauty! He is beautiful to watch!*
6. **Beauty.** *Such combined perfection of form and charm of coloring as affords keen pleasure to the sense of sight. That quality or combination of qualities which affords keen pleasure to other senses (e.g. that of hearing), or which charms the intellectual or moral faculties, through inherent grace, or fitness to a desired end.*
7. David's greatest desire in life was God's house to behold Jehovah's beauty (Ps 27:4).

8. The LORD challenged Job to do what He does – array himself with beauty (Job 40:10).
9. God is worshipped in the beauty of holiness (I Chr 16:29; II Chr 20:21; Ps 29:2; 96:9).
10. Our God is infinitely superior to all gods, for our God has strength and beauty (Ps 96:6).
11. David, the one most familiar with this term, asked God for beauty on us (Psalm 90:17).
12. Prophet Agur wrote that a great king is comely – but Jesus is best of all (Pr 30:29-31).
13. Isaiah prophesied that God be a diadem of beauty for Judah, not for Israel (Isaiah 28:5).
14. Zechariah declared God's goodness and beauty rescuing the Jews (Zech 9:17); modern versions corrupt the words by assigning goodness and beauty to *them* – to the Jews (NASB, NIV, NCV, HCSB, NLT, GWT), and others assign the goodness and beauty to it, likely the land (RSV, NKJV, GNT), and others ask a beauty question (Douay, CEB).

Who Did Not Think Jesus Beautiful?

1. Jesus and Paul quoted Isaiah 53:1 as applying to the Jews (John 12:37-43; Rom 10:16).
2. Isaiah used a plural pronoun for Jews, seeing no beauty in Him and so forth (Is 53:1-4).
3. He came to His own, and His own received Him not (Jn 1:10-11). Incredible blindness!
4. They wanted a mighty king like David, looking only with natural eyes at His obscurity and poverty, despising anyone that came from Nazareth (Mic 5:2; Luke 2:7; John 1:47).
5. He had no appeal naturally – no pedigree, education, inheritance, intelligence, appearance, strength, charisma, successes, or other desirable traits for natural men.
6. Moses, David, and Solomon had great achievements, but not the One Who created them.
7. Unbelief is bad, but they despised and rejected Him before murdering Him, calling Him a carpenter's son (Matt 13:55-57), a Samaritan (John 8:48), devil-possessed (John 8:48), a deceiver (Matt 27:63), a drunkard and glutton (Luke 7:34), a blasphemer (Matt 26:65).
8. These religious people with Jehovah's own religion, especially their religious rulers, despised Him every way possible and stopped at nothing to get Rome to crucify Him.
9. When facing a choice, they chose Barabbas, a seditious murderer, over Jesus their King.
10. His nation turned Him over to a foreign power and deserted Him in His hour of need.
11. If not for God's grace, you would despise Him like the Jews, for you would not see (Jn 3:3), come (Jn 6:44), hear (Jn 8:47), believe (Jn 10:26), or receive Him (I Cor 2:14).
12. If you do not adore and love Him, run to Him in fearful repentance to forgive you, for falling on Him in brokenness is better than Him falling on you to grind you to powder.
13. If you adore and love Him, it is only by the mercy of God on one of our depraved and cursed race (Matt 11:25-26; 16:17; Acts 13:48; II Cor 4:3-6; Eph 1:19; II Thess 2:13).
14. Thank Him for His great mercy and commit your life in every way to serve Him only.
15. The elect of God clearly see His beauty (Rom 1:15-16; I Cor 1:24; 2:10; I Pet 1:20-21).

Do You Think Jesus Is Beautiful?

1. David's heart was about to burst with better matter than Elihu ever had (Psalm 45:1-9).
2. Though the Jewish builders rejected Him, He is the chief cornerstone (Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:6; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11-12; Rom 9:33; I Peter 2:4-8; Eph 2:20-22).
3. The Bible does tell us about some in the nation and some outside that saw His beauty.
4. He is precious to Almighty God and believers who have tasted His grace (I Pet 2:3-8).
5. How about angels that announced his birth to shepherds near Bethlehem (Luke 2:8-14)?
6. Simeon and Anna glorified God for infant Jesus brought to the temple (Luke 2:25-38).
7. Greeks came to the Passover and looked beyond the apostles to Jesus (John 12:20-24).
8. How about Rome's centurion, saying, *Truly this man was the Son of God* (Mark 15:39).
9. How about the thief beside Him, who stopped cursing to defend Jesus (Luke 23:40-43)?
10. How about Mary in the garden, who stayed desperately missing Him (John 20:11-18)?
11. How about Peter when asked about healing a man lame over forty years (Acts 4:9-12)?
12. How about God Himself when exalting Jesus for incarnation and death (Phil 2:9-11)?
13. How about the three distinct choirs in heaven at the arrival of ascended Jesus (Rev 5)?
14. How about Paul stating Jesus' exalted name and position over angels (Heb 1:1 – 2:18)?
15. How about Paul summarizing the gospel mysteries of Christ as great (I Tim 3:15-16)?
16. When Jesus comes again in glorious splendor, the elect will admire Him (II Thess 1:10).
17. Is not His resume sufficient for you (I Tim 3:15-16; 6:13-16; Hebrews 5:7-9; 12:1-3)?
18. He is a beautiful Savior (John 6:37-40; 10:26-30; 17:1-3; Heb 1:1-4; 7:25; Rev 5:1-14)?
19. He is a beautiful King (Psalm 45:1-8; Prov 30:31; I Timothy 6:13-16; Rev 19:11-16)?
20. He is a beautiful Priest of a new order (Psalm 110:4; Heb 3:1-3; 7:26; 8:1-2; 10:19-22)?
21. He is a beautiful Friend (John 15:13-15; Romans 5:6-8; Hebrews 13:5-6; I John 1:1-4)?
22. Jesus Christ is most beautiful by every measure – fairer than the children of men – by Creator transcendence, by impeccable righteousness, by incomparable kindness, by inviolate truthfulness, by verbal and written promises, by perfect acceptance with God.
23. Glory in His origin – a virgin birth, His departure – ascending into heaven, His ministry of truth and miracles, His friendships with John, Peter, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and His immutable promise to return to take you as adopted children to mansions on high.
24. He is beautiful not leaving us alone but sending the Comforter to be with and in us.
25. But is He not most beautiful dying for our sins (Is 52:5-11) ... and God raised Him from the dead ... and set Him at His own right hand in glory ... where He is surety for you.
26. *Do you know my King?* Is a wonderful six minutes from a sermon by S.M. Lockridge.

How Do You Show It and Tell It?

1. Mary anointed His feet with costly ointment and wiped them with her hair (Jn 12:1-3).

2. But Mary also chose to sit at His feet to hear His every word of truth (Luke 10:39).
3. Andrew and Philip went to those dearest and nearest to tell them of Him (Jn 1:37-51).
4. Paul said, *Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?* And then he burned himself out for Him.
5. He must always have the preeminence with nothing cheap (Col 1:18; I Cor 3:11-15).
6. Do you love to sing the songs at the bottom of this outline about the beauty of Christ?
7. Do you talk most gladly about Him, or other things like persons, politics, profits, etc.
8. Renew your love for Him, for losing first love or being lukewarm both offend Him.
9. Love for scripture, for truth, for church, for heaven, for worship, etc. are far inferior.
10. Do you love the book of Hebrews, which has for a theme the superiority of Jesus Christ?
11. Do you love Psalm 45, which out of all the Psalms exalts the beauty of Jesus the most?

Conclusion:

1. Communion is to remember our Lord Jesus Christ's death, to remember His beauty due to Calvary.
2. He is a perfectly beautiful Savior in every way, and we are greatly honored to even be at His table.
3. Are you in any way sully His Supper by unconfessed sins, bitterness, neglect, an earthly mind, etc.?

Further Study:

1. He Is Altogether Lovely ... [He Is Altogether Lovely \(1998\)](#).
2. [World's Greatest Lover](#).
3. Unsearchable Riches of Christ ... [The Unsearchable Riches of Christ \(5 Sermons\)](#).
4. [Psalm 45](#).
5. [Isaiah 53](#) (2002 sermon).
6. [Isaiah 53](#) (2011 sermon).
7. [Isaiah 53 \(2020 slides\)](#) ... [Isaiah – Chapter 53](#).

Do You Know My King? ... [the video "That's My King I Say Do You Know Him.flv" \(YouTube\)](#).

Songs of Beauty:

1. *Fairest Lord Jesus*
2. *Majestic Sweetness*
3. *O Sir, We Would See Jesus*
4. *I Would See Jesus*
5. *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*
6. *He Hideth My Soul*
7. *The Lily of the Valley*

8. *O Thou In Whose Presence*
9. *One There Is Above All Others*
10. *O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth*