

**“What Jesus Accomplished”**  
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Isaiah 53:1-5

**PROP-** The arrival of Jesus on the earth is the **ULTIMATE PARADOX.**

- The “arm of the Lord” (God’s power)—was revealed through a “tender shoot out of dry ground.”
- The Lord of the ages confronting the rebellious world He created—as a “child born”—humility & vulnerability.
- And as “a son given” (He loves to give. He’s FOR giving!)
- He didn’t come to “get back at us”—but to “get us back.”
- Not to retaliate—but to restore!

**1. HE “DID NOT deal with us as our sins deserve” (Psalm 103:10)**

- “God SO LOVED the world He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
- “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.” (1 John 3:16)
- “You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:13-14)
  - Not false accusations
  - These were legitimate offenses
  - We were “guilty as charged”!
  - “While we were **STILL SINNERS,**” He died for us (Romans 5:8)!

**2. HE DID deal with the “enemy of your soul” (Psalm 143:3)**

- “Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph! He was not *their* prisoner. They were *His!*” (Colossians 2:15 TPT)
  - Lit.- “*Jesus stripped him of his power and publicly shamed him*”
- **This was an all-out war with evil—in order to fully liberate us from the power of the evil one:**
  - “For this reason the Son of God appeared, to destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8)
  - (Paraphrase of Philippians 2:7-11) “*Jesus left His home and came to redeem us from Satan’s tyranny. Jesus did not grasp at equality with God—as Lucifer had—but let it go. He stripped Himself of position, power and glory, and came to earth to buy us back!*”

### 3. He MADE A WAY for us to be FULLY RESTORED to our Father

- “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” (Hebrews 4:16)
- “Jesus replied, “All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.” (John 14:23)
  - His love is UNCONDITIONAL
  - Yet, our relationship with Him is CONDITIONAL—conditioned by our loving, receiving, obeying Him.
  - We can be as close to Him as we want to be!
  - “*Living in response to God is far superior to living in reaction to the devil.*” Bill Johnson
  - “*The enemy lies to us to make problems appear bigger than the solutions we carry.*” Bill Johnson

### 4. He RESTORED US to a PLACE OF SIGNIFICANT AUTHORITY

- We were made to rule on the earth (Genesis 1:26)
- Adam forfeited it. Jesus restored it (Romans 5:17- “reign in *this* life”)
  - We RULE BY SERVING. And we SERVE BY RULING (*standing & living in our authority OVER the enemy*)
  - As Jesus met with His disciples following His resurrection, He breathed on them and said: “Go and forgive people’s debts and they will be forgiven and restored to this new creation. Announce the Jubilee, and people will experience it! Announce the Kingdom, and people will enter it!” (Paraphrase of John 20:21-23)
  - Just before His ascension, Jesus gave us astounding authority and awesome responsibility:  
“All authority in the heavens and on the earth has been given to me; therefore *you go* in *that authority* and liberate people in all nations. Plunge them into the reality of this living relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Invite them to experience us, uniting with us in covenant love. Teach them to live this new life with us on earth. I will be with you by My Spirit, to the end of the age.” (Paraphrase of Matthew 28:18-20)
- We have a mandate from Jesus: to join Him in healing all those who are oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38!)
  - Jesus is in you like a RIVER, not a LAKE. He wants to FLOW OUT from you!!!
  - The “Book of ACTS” aptly named after an ACTIVE Church!!!

Like lions in a zoo—we’ve become docile & domesticated. Born for the wild!