

# The Incomparable Christ

“...He was despised and we did not esteem Him.”

Isaiah 53:3

One of Canada's most beautiful sights is the Niagara Falls.

It is on the Niagara River which drains Lake Erie into Lake Ontario. Its flow rate is higher than most falls in the world. As you drive closer to the site you hear the thunderous roar of the water as it cascades over the cataract and falls down into the river below. As the most powerful waterfall in North America it has long been a source of hydro-electric power. Standing in the observation area one is thrilled at the spectacular sights and sounds of the falls.

It is a wonder to visitors but those who live in the area soon become complacent at the majestic sight and the sense of wonder is soon displaced by an attitude of indifference. Such is the human mindset.

Our verse today is a heart-breaking one. The incomparable Christ came into this world and the reception was astounding. No one cared for Him. He came to His own and they did not receive Him.

This passage is a word of

judgment to us all. Beginning our journey in this life all of us began indifferent to the Lord of glory. His rich prophetic ministry fell on our deaf ears. His offer of love and grace did not penetrate our stony hearts. His invitations to come to Him were met with total rejection as we chose to walk away from Him.

But then there came a time for every Christian when the sound of Jesus' voice penetrated the fog of indifference in our minds and suddenly it was as though we heard the Gospel for the first time. The gentle voice of the Saviour called us away from our sin and shame. A spirit of repentance overwhelmed us and we were stopped dead in our tracks. We bowed down and said to this incomparable Christ, "My Lord and my God!"

What happened to turn us from death to life, from sin to holiness, from glorying in our shame to hungering and thirsting for righteousness, from indifference to wholehearted embracing of the Resurrection and the Life? How did this radical transformation come about? How

did we pass from indifference to esteeming Him?

The only answer is the Word of the Lord coming to us as it did to the corpse of Lazarus in the tomb. Jesus, by His Spirit, called out to us as we lay dead in the grave of sin and the Holy Spirit raised us from the spiritually dead to new life in Christ. (Ephesians 2:1)

Is this all your hope and glory today? Is the incomparable Christ the most precious thing you possess? Is He altogether wonderful in your sight? Would you freely give up all this world has to offer to have Him as the Lord and Master of your life? Is the incomparable Christ all you desire or need in this life or the life to come? Can you say with the Psalmist, "Who do I have in heaven but you and there is no one on earth I desire beside you." (Psalm 73:25). The incomparable Christ invites you to come to Him and take His will as your own for now and for all eternity. Come to Him and come now.

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