

UGLY FOR YOU

The Good, The Bad and The Ugly- Part 1

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I. Jesus was ugly to the world.

“He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.”
Isaiah 53:2b-3 NIV

“Jesus Christ was either a liar, a lunatic or Lord!” – C.S. Lewis

“If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify Him. They would ask Him to dinner, and hear what He has to say, and make fun of it.” - Thomas Carlyle

II. Jesus was ugly for you.

“Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all... For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was stricken.”
Isaiah 53:4-6, 8b NIV

Infirmity – a bodily ailment or disease

Transgression – violation of God’s law

Iniquity – injustice

III. Jesus was ugly by divine design.

“He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. ... Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, ... because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:7,10,12b NIV