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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (95)  
Answering Jewish Objections to Isaiah 53 as a Reference to Jesus

**Objection #79: Isaiah 53 cannot refer to Jesus because it says the servant of the Lord would not lift up his voice of cry out, yet Jesus cried out several times on the cross, once in near blasphemy.**

Brown's short response to this objection:

One of the most striking aspects of the suffering and death of Jesus was that he went as a lamb to the slaughter, not resisting those who arrested him, not defending himself before his accusers, and even forgiving those who crucified him. In this, he has become the worldwide symbol of a man who truly "turned the other cheek." As for his quoting of Psalm 22:1 on the cross—a beloved passage of Scripture—how is this "near blasphemy"?<sup>1</sup>

Following this, Michael Brown provides an excellent summary of how the Lord Jesus Christ did not lift up His voice or cry out while they beat and crucified Him. As to Psalm 22:1, He was merely fulfilling the very words of Scripture in pointing out how He was the Righteous Sufferer (and that God would deliver Him as per the rest of that Psalm). Instead of crying out in anger and bitterness to His tormenters, He forgave them and promised Paradise to one who had believed. He was the like a lamb lead to slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers was silent regarding His torturers (Isaiah 53:7).

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43).

But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luk 23:34)

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections —Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 80-83. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response which is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in this series).

In Him,

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