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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (96)  
Answering Jewish Objections to Isaiah 53 as a Reference to Jesus

**Objection #80: Isaiah 53 cannot refer to Jesus because it says the servant of the Lord would see seed an expression always meaning physical descendants when used in the Hebrew Bible.**

Brown's short response to this objection:

Actually, the passage you refer to is the only occurrence of the Hebrew expression "see seed" in the Tanakh, so it is not wise to be dogmatic about the meaning of the expression, especially since "seed" is sometimes used metaphorically in the Scriptures and since it can sometimes refer to simply to a future generation. This much is certain: Through his continued life after his resurrection, we can honestly and fairly say that Jesus the Messiah fulfills the description of "seeing seed."<sup>1</sup>

After Brown shows that "seed" was used metaphorically and how Isaiah 53 was not read in the synagogues for many centuries (because of its obvious reference to Jesus), he concludes his Isaiah 53 series with:

Having examined all the major objections that have been raised against the Messianic Jewish/Christian interpretation of Isaiah 53, it is clear that none of them have any substance. It is equally clear that the passage describes Jesus the Messiah with striking accuracy. What do you say?

Isaiah 53 is a clear depiction of Jesus as the Messiah. All attempts to deny this has failed.

The fact that Jews did not want to read this chapter in the synagogues for many centuries is testimony to its obvious referent to Jesus. Isaiah 53 continues to be a key passage used by Messianic Jews—Jewish Christians. To get a snapshot of just how bold Christian Jews are in using Isaiah 53 to reach other Jews for Jesus, consider the following banner.

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections—Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 83-6. 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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