



BEATEN BEYOND RECOGNITION

MAY 5, 2025

MARK 15:19 – JOHN 19:1-25 – MATTHEW 27:28-30 – ISAIAH 53:1-7

The bible tells us that Jesus face was greatly disfigured. It makes you wonder what was there about **Jesus face** that the devil despised so much? Why did Jesus' kind, smiling, warm, loving face bring out so much hatred, anger and fury from Satan?

Pilate could not bear the sight of the pure innocent face of Jesus and that look in his eyes. He tried to desperately save him. A man is known by his face. You may not know them from the back. Recently I didn't recognize someone from the back and I called them the wrong name. But when they turned around, I immediately recognized who they were.

The scripture says in **Isaiah 52:14** "Just as there were many who were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness.

He was beat down because of what Adam and Eve did. He was beat down for you and me. Beaten to a pulp. Beyond recognition! Knowing this, at times we feel beat down. Beat down from the cares of this world. Beat down due to bad decisions. Beat down because we have allowed the enemy to place a mental plate in our head that you and I are not worth it or you can't do it!

Jesus took the beating for us. He also got up! Next time you feel beat down, remember, Jesus got up from His situation, status, or mess. Yes, He died, but now He is alive. Therefore, He lives. And therefore, you live.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 7:51

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Don't give up. Live! Live out your purpose in Christ.