

ent from what man would naturally expect, the unexpectedness of how he comes and what he does. We find it in verse 15, kings shut their mouths at him, it's not anything that's expected there, surprise. Why are they surprised? Because it isn't what they expected, things which had not been told them shall they see. That which they had not heard, they consider, it is not what they expected at all. And then verse 1, goes on with the same idea, well, who had believed it, to whom has it been revealed, well people didn't expect it, they expected something different, and so they did not get this idea. And then verse 2 says that it's from a dry ground he came, he didn't have the comeliness they would have expected, there's not the beauty they should desire him, in other words, it is not the way they expected God's great work to be accomplished, And then in verse 3 again the characteristics of his which led them to despise him and to reject him and not to consider that he was the one God sent. And then in verse 4, even though he did marvelous works, they still did not recognize him because he was so different from what they expected, and instead of recognizing him as the one who was giving himself for them, they considered he was stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. Certainly that is a description of exactly how the disciples took these features of his life, exactly how the early listeners to the message, exactly how person after person has taken them when first presented with the message. It's different from the philosophies that go out in the world, winning people by their reasonableness. This is the foolishness of preaching. It is that which is contrary to man's natural expectation, it's the wisdom of God, which is foolishness with man. Well, then that is the idea which is stressed in these four and three-fourths verses and it is hardly touched upon again, but it's present in all these verses. What would your next division be, Mr. Grauley? (9 3/4)

...4 through 11 you would think were a description of his work. And I'm not convinced in my own mind yet whether to make that all one big division or decide to break it up. (student. 9 1/4) After 9, that could be, yes. There are new thoughts in 10 and 11 that were not previously expressed at all. (student. 10 1/4) Yes. That is your feeling is