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Sermon Title: **“BEAUTY INSTEAD OF ASHES”**

Isaiah 6:1-3

- The main, overarching context to Isaiah 61:1-3 is found in Jesus ... (He attributed it to Himself in Luke 4:16-21)
- Jesus was publicly proclaiming the reason He had come
 - The Year of Jubilee = Every 50 years, debts were cleared, land was returned, & slaves were freed
 - Jesus' coming is a picture of that extraordinary event
- Because of Jesus' 1st coming there will be a 2nd coming
 - All wrongs will be righted
 - All mourning will be comforted
- We are surrounded by situations that to our feeble minds all we see is ashes
 - When God is finished with us, believers will be planted as strong oaks of righteousness
- Hurt, Brokenness, & Trauma was NEVER Part of God's Original Design
 - Everything we experience today has been stained by sin
 - Yet our incredible God is able to take all the ashes & turn them into beauty
 - Do you understand the beauty of Jesus' 1st coming?
- Challenge
 - Is there anything in your past or present that you are viewing as ashes?
 - Do you possibly think your ashes are outside of God's reach?