

Theme: Jesus the Messiah, the True Servant of the Lord, has brought God's justice and gentle mercy to the people of the whole world.

I. Intro – Magician's Nephew

- A. Ties together many things in Chronicles
- B. Complex events/ ideas interwoven throughout
- C. I love this type of thing - read it again!
- D. Servant Songs of Isaiah like that
- E. Servant of the Lord - many strands weaving
- F. Isaiah 40-55, but also 40-66, but really all of Is.
- G. Who is this Servant of the Lord?

II. The Servant of the Lord in Isaiah 42

- A. The structure of the passage
 - 1. God's word about the servant (v1-4)
 - 2. God's word to the servant (v5-7)
 - 3. God's Word concerning Himself (v8-9)
- B. Behold the Servant of the Lord (v1 - ESV)
 - 1. Servant & Lord
 - a. v1 - my; uphold; chosen; delight; Spirit
 - b. v6 - emphatic 'I Lord, I have called'; 4x personal pronoun
 - 2. Servant's role - justice
 - a. Ideas - verdict; law; all right (Oswalt)

b. v3-4 (justice, justice; law)

c. v6 - righteousness

d. v7 - restoration

3. Realm - whole world

a. v1 - nations

b. v4 - earth, islands

c. v6 - people (Israel?); Gentiles

4. Character - gentle, yet consistent

a. v2-3a - no shout; bruise reed, wick

b. v7-8 - spiritual maladies; restores from idols

c. v3-4 - faithfulness; chiasmic wordplay; till justice

III. Who is the Servant of the Lord?

- A. Cyrus - to return Israel (41:2; 45:1; [Jer 25:9])
 - 1. Is 41:2 - called in righteousness
 - 2. Is 45:1 - anointed, held by hand
 - 3. Cyrus does not know God [Neb. Jer 25:9])
 - 4. Actually led to idolatry - not this Servant!!
- B. Israel, remnant (41:8-9; 49:3)
 - 1. Is 41:8-9 - servant, chosen, called
 - 2. Is 49:3 - my servant Israel; display splendor
 - 3. Isa 41:18-20 - Israel blind, deaf [v24 - sin]

4. Isa 53 - servant must die for Israel

C. Jesus, the Davidic Messiah

1. Same terms as Davidic Branch, Messiah
2. 2 tables - on web site w/ teaching
3. The Servant, the Branch - Zech 3:8
4. NT claims - just overview - no slides
 - a. Baptism - anointed w/ Spirit, well pleased
 - b. Jesus quotes Isa 61:1-4 in Lk 4
 - c. Ministry - Matt 12:18-21 quotes 42:1-3
 - d. Is 53 quotes by Mt, Jn, Peter
 - e. Jesus is the True Servant, True Israel!!!!

1. He will accomplish all of God's work!

2. He will reign from sea to sea!

3. The nations have and will come to Him!

4. This thing is bigger than us!

5. True - even if we feel small and weary!

C. Do we see how merciful & gentle Jesus is with us?

1. Do we see He does not break a reed/wick?

2. Do we see His patient with us & our weakness?

3. Do you feel weary - come to Him!

4. Do you feel bruised - come to Him!

5. Is your fire almost out - come to Him!

IV. Applying the Word

A. Do we see the Lord's Servant has come?

1. Do we see Jesus fulfills prophecies of Servant?
2. Do we see He has come for Israel - & nations?
3. Do we see He has brought justice?
 - a. He announces God's judgment on our idolatry
 - b. He bears penalty for our idolatry & sin
4. Do we see He offers forgiveness to us?

B. Do we see Jesus will complete the work?

The Servant of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 12:15-21

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Communion

Genesis 12:2-3

Justice is 'that life giving order which exists when the creation is functioning in accordance with the design of its Lord.'" (Oswalt, 110)

Who has stirred up one from the east, **calling him in righteousness** to his service? He hands nations over to him and subdues kings before him. He turns them to dust with his sword, to windblown chaff with his bow.
Isaiah 41:2

This is what the LORD says **to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of** to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:
Isaiah 45:1

But you, O **Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen**, you descendants of Abraham my friend, 9 I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners **I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you** and have not rejected you.
Isaiah 41:8-9

He said to me, "**You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.**"
Isaiah 49:3

Hear, you **deaf**; look, you **blind**, and see! 19 Who is **blind** but **my servant**, and **deaf** like the messenger I send? Who is **blind** like the one committed to me, **blind** like the **servant of the LORD**? 20 **You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing.**
Isaiah 42:18-20

Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: **I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.**
Zechariah 3:8