

Jesus, the Suffering Messiah

1. Isa 42:1 cf Matt 12:18, 49:6, 52:13, Zech 3:8 Servant, the Branch of David cf. Isaiah 11:1 cf. Jeremiah 23:5, 33:15 The hope of a ruling Messiah Who would be God's Servant.
2. The belief in God's power to redeem His people. Isa 53:1
 - a) The Good News of God's deliberate action. Isa 52:7,10 God has rolled up His sleeve. He is preparing to do something on behalf of His people. Isa 52:8-9 cf. Isa 51:9-15 God will restore Israel to Jerusalem. As surely as God will restore, so He will redeem mankind through His Servant. Who comes as a result of God's deliberate action.
 - b) The Good News of God's Servant. Isa 52:13 Behold, My Servant.
 - (1) He will do what God asks.
 - (2) He will act wisely.
 - (3) He will be exalted.
 - (4) He will be humbled. 53:2 Ordinary, humble, poor, origins.
 - (5) He will be a man. Who is this Servant?
 - c) The Good News of Jesus Christ. Phil 2:5-11
 - (1) He is God's choice. 2:5 Christ Jesus (Chosen Savior)
 - (2) He is God. 2:6
 - (3) He is equal with God. 2:6
 - (4) He chose being a bonds slave. 2:7
 - (5) He became a man. 2:7-8 Biologically a man. Physically a man. Ga 4:4 Born of a woman, a deliberate act of God's power. Here the Creator of man, becomes what He created. Superior served becomes the Servant serving the Superior.
 - (6) He humbly died. 2:8

- (1) He purposefully placed everything He was under the confines of all that He became—humbled Himself. He the giver of life, withheld the power of life to die. He the Ruler of all, subjected Himself to the ridicule of all. He the Judge of all, subjected Himself to judgement for all. He the Holiest of all, subjected Himself to become sin for all.
- (2) He purposefully placed Himself under all that He heard He was to do—becoming obedient
- (7) Because Jesus humbly obeyed, He delivers. Only when you humbly obey can you be delivered.
- (8) Because Jesus humbly obeyed, He sets the standard for our humble obedience.