

Servant of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-8

Old
Testament
Story Time

The prophet Isaiah, speaking to the people of Israel after they return from Exile, tells them about the leader who will one day guide them. This new leader will be a perfect servant of the Lord, the one chosen by God with whom the Lord is well pleased. Of course, we know these promises are finally fulfilled in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the reading today, we hear some important characteristics of this perfect servant. First, Isaiah tells us he will bring justice to the nations. In a just nation, all people are treated fairly. Everyone gets what they deserve and the rules are applied fairly.



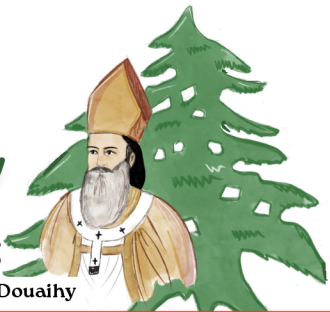
God's servant, when he comes, will also be quiet, meek, and humble. He will not be loud and show off, trying to get lots of attention, or be harsh and cruel. Instead he will be gentle. When Isaiah says that "a bruised reed he will not break," he means the servant will not give up on or destroy someone who is weak, or broken, or struggling. God's servant will offer gentle care and healing, not harsh judgment.

Isaiah promises the people that God's servant will also perform miraculous things. The Lord's Servant will open the eyes of the blind, and release prisoners from the darkness they were living in during those times. Of course, the greatest darkness Isaiah refers to is living in sin and separated from God.



Not only will the Lord bring His people out of Exile, but as Isaiah promises them, God will provide a special person to lead them and teach them how to properly behave to have a good life with God.

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my beloved in whom I delight;
I shall place my spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles."**





Gospel Corner

Matthew
12:14-21



Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God revealed truths to the prophet Isaiah about the incarnation of Christ (the incarnation is how we refer to the mystery of God coming to earth as a man). The truths that were *revealed* to Isaiah and *recorded* in the Old Testament were *fulfilled* in Jesus Christ who is the New and final Testament.

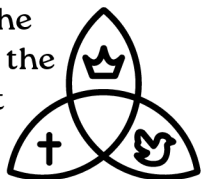
Today's Gospel reading was one of those fulfillments. Jesus withdrew because He learned that the Pharisees were trying to put Him to death. He wasn't hiding, but He went away from where they were. While in this place, Jesus continued to heal people, but He asked them not to tell others about Him.



This was a fulfillment from the prophet Isaiah which says:

*"Behold, my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved in whom I delight;
I shall place my spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles."*

Do you remember learning about the Trinity? The entire Trinity is mentioned in this passage. God the Father is the One speaking. Jesus is the Servant and the Beloved of God the Father. The Father sent the Holy Spirit upon Him.



And Jesus asked the people not to tell others about Him because His hour to be sacrificed for all Jews and gentiles alike did not come yet. Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, was going to bring the hope of salvation to the Gentiles Himself.

Did you know?

GIFT of COUNSEL

Counsel is one of the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gift of counsel helps a person choose what is right from what is wrong and to make good judgments, especially in difficult situations, all in accordance with God's will. Counsel helps a person understand what is truly good and how to achieve it.



What you can do

Meditate on the life of Christ by praying the rosary this week. If a whole rosary feels like too much for one day, pray one decade on each weekday this week (Monday-Friday). Ask your parents, priest, or RE teacher if you aren't sure how to pray the rosary.



Complete the Verse

Isaiah 42:1 is in two other places in this issue of Cedar Kids. Find the missing words to Isaiah 42:1 on this scroll and fill in the blanks. Then color all the words for the Father **blue**, the Son **green**, and the Holy Spirit **red**.



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my _____ in whom I delight;
I shall place my _____ upon him,
and he will proclaim _____ to the
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