



**“Servant of the Lord”**

Matthew 12:15-21

*The Commission of the King*

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<sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all,

<sup>16</sup> and warned them not to tell who He was.

<sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

<sup>18</sup> “BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES

<sup>19</sup> “HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.

<sup>20</sup> A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

<sup>21</sup> “AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE.”

**Intro:** Jesus confronts the hypocrisy of the Pharisees...

(Mt.12:11-13) <sup>11</sup> “What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out?”

<sup>12</sup> “How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep? So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

<sup>13</sup> Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand!” He stretched it out, and it was returned to normal, like the other.

So, let’s look at 6 ways Jesus shows Himself to be the Servant of the Lord.

**1. Jesus is the conscious Servant (v.15-16)**

(v.15) “But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all.”

(Is.53:10) “But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief;”

(Jn.14:9) “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

(v.16) “and warned them not to tell who He was.”

(1 Pet.3:15b) “...always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”

**2. Jesus is the Chosen Servant (v.17-18)**

(v.17) “This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet...”

(v.18) “Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen.”

(Jn.7:3-6) <sup>3</sup> Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing.”

<sup>4</sup> “For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.”

<sup>5</sup> For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

<sup>6</sup> So Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune.”

(v.18) “My beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put my Spirit upon Him.”

(Mt.3:16) "After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,"

(Lk.1:35) "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God."

(Is.61:1) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners."

(v.18) "And He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles."

(Jn.3:17) "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

(Gen.12:3) "And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

(Jn.4:25-26) <sup>25</sup>"The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

<sup>26</sup>"Jesus said to her: "I who speak to You am He."

### **3. Jesus is the quiet Servant (v.19)**

(v.19) "He will not quarrel, nor cry out' nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets."

(Eccl.9:17) "The words of the wise heard in quietness are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools."

### **4. Jesus is the comforting servant (v.20a)**

(v.20) "A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out,"

### **5. Jesus is the conquering Servant (v.20b)**

(v.20b) "Until He leads justice to victory."

(Am.5:24) "But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream."

### **6. Jesus the hope-giving Servant (v.21)**

(v.21) "And in His name the Gentiles will hope."

(Jn.3:17) "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did Jesus withdraw from the Pharisees (v.15)?
2. Why did Jesus warn the people not to tell who He was (v.16)?
3. What qualities of God's Servant do we see in these (v.18-21)?
4. What is the meaning of the words in (v.20) that "a battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out"?
5. Jesus was humble, gentle, and quiet in His dealings with people. What can we learn from this when we are sharing our faith with others?
6. One day Jesus will lead justice to victory (v.20). To what is that referring? What will that be like?