

## The Messiah's Humility

### Isaiah 42:1-4 & 50:1-7

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All of us have miserably failed in living as servants of God. Because of our sins and transgressions, we need a Servant of the Lord who humbly lives and suffers in our place. Isaiah 42 introduces us to "the Servant," an individual God promised to send to do His will and save His people. The Servant is described in Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-7, 50:4-9, and 52:13-53:12.

- I. God's Relationship to The Servant of the Lord (Is. 42:1)**
  - A. God upholds Him
  - B. God chose Him (*1 Peter 1:20*)
  - C. God delights in Him (*Matthew 3:16-17*)
  - D. God anoints Him (*Luke 4:1, Acts 10:38*)
  
- II. The Unique Service of The Servant of the Lord (Is. 42:2-4)**
  - A. He will be humble in His ministry (*Matthew 12:15-21*)
  - B. He will bring justice to the world
  
- III. Our Need for The Servant of the Lord (Is. 50:1-3)**
  - A. We have doubted God's faithfulness (*Isaiah 49:14*)
  - B. We have transgressed God's law
  - C. We have ignored God's voice
  - D. We have doubted God's power
  
- IV. The Unique Attributes of The Servant of the Lord (Is. 50:4-7)**
  - A. He will be well-instructed (*Mark 1:35, John 7:16*)
  - B. He will be perfectly righteous (*Philippians 2:6-8*)
  - C. He will be willing to suffer (*Matthew 26:62-68, 27:27-32*)
  - D. He will be determined and victorious (*Luke 9:51, Philippians 2:9-11*)

**FOR NEXT TIME**—Read Isaiah 53, *Messiah's Suffering* (Dec. 24) and *Messiah's Success* (Dec. 25)

#### **TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:**

1. How is the spread of Christ's kingdom so different from the way human empires are built?
2. What is the significance of the term "servant of the Lord"? How does this describe Jesus Christ?
3. How did Israel fail to listen to God? How do we?
4. If Jesus Christ was God, why did he need to be instructed by the Sovereign Lord?
5. How could we follow Jesus's example in Isaiah 50:4-7?
6. Who can you invite to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services? Who can you possibly share the gospel with this Christmas?