

11/26/17 | Jesus, B.C.: Isaiah



"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations."

—Isaiah 42:1, NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you usually think of when you hear the word "servant"? Have you been a servant? How did you feel about your master/ employer?

The book

Isaiah has been called a miniature Bible. It has 66 chapters just like the Bible has 66 books. 39 chapters in Isaiah discuss God's judgment (Old Testament) while 27 chapters discuss redemption and God's coming servant (New Testament).

2. What does this tell you about Isaiah? What does this tell you about the entire Bible?
3. In Isaiah, the word *Yeshua* is used 18 times (translated as "deliverance" or "salvation" etc.). This is the same word that becomes *Joshua* as a Hebrew name and *Jesus* as a Greek name. What do you think about this and God's planning? Do you marvel all the more at the chosen name for Jesus?

Verses

4. Read Isaiah 11:1-5. What is it in these verses that reminds you of Jesus?
5. Read Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:16-17, and Matthew 12:15-21. How does Jesus fit the picture of Isaiah's "servant"? Why would

God call Him a servant? What does that tell us about the relationship between Jesus and the Father? What is comforting to you about the phrase, "A bruised reed He will not break" (v. 3)?

6. Read Isaiah 52:13-53:11, taking note of all that the servant would do and all that would happen to the servant. How do you see Jesus in this passage? (Hint, look at Matthew 27 for some clues.) Did the servant do anything wrong? Why does the servant have to suffer? Whose iniquities did the servant take on? What is your response to reading this passage?

7. Read Isaiah 53 again, and picture Jesus on the cross. He did that for you. What love and joy and hope does that make you feel?

8. Why would God foretell so much about Jesus? What was the purpose of all the prophecies in Isaiah and the rest of the Old Testament?

9. How clearly do the prophecies point to Jesus? If someone who believed in the Old Testament and coming Messiah were to talk with you, what verses would you use to support that Jesus is the Christ?