

JESUS' BAPTISM (3) & TRANSFIGURATION (17)

16. ISAIAH 42:1-4: (42:1) "Look! My Servant whom I uphold, My Chosen One in whom My Soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon him; and he will bring What Is Right to the nations. ✚ ⊕

17. (42:2) He will not shout or scream to make himself heard in the streets.

18. (42:3) A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not quench. He will faithfully bring into being What Is Right. MISHPAT מִשְׁפָּט: JUSTICE, WHAT IS RIGHT, TRUTH -- ROMANS 3^B

19. (42:4) He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established What Is Right on the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching." ⊕

20. ISAIAH 49:1-6: (49:1): "Listen to me O coastlands, and pay attention you peoples far away! The LORD ⊕ called me before I was even born, and while I was still in my mother's womb he named me. LUKE 1-2

21. (49:2) He made my mouth like a sharp sword, and under the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, and in his quiver he hid me away. JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT, (5)-(7)

22. (49:3) Then he said to me, 'You are My Servant, My Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

23. (49:4) But I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing & vanity; yet surely my Right is with the LORD, & my reward is with my God.' GETHSEMANE (26); "WHY... FORSAKEN ME?" (27)

24. (49:5) And now the LORD speaks, who formed me in the womb to be his Servant, to bring Jacob back to him, & that Israel be gathered to him, for I am honored before the LORD, & my God has become my strength.

25. (49:6) He says, 'It is too light a thing for you to be My Servant to lift Jacob's tribes & to restore Israel's survivors. I will give you as a light to the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'" ⊕

26. Isaiah 50:4-9: (50:4) "The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher so that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those eager to be taught. THE GOSPELS

27. (50:5) The Lord GOD himself, indeed, has opened my ear and I was not rebellious, I did not turn away.

28. (50:6) I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting.

29. (50:7) The Lord GOD himself helps me; and that is why I have not been finally disgraced. Therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⊕

30. (50:8) He who grants me Righteousness is near, so who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who will attack my call to be Right? Let them confront me.

31. (50:9) Look! It is the Lord GOD himself who helps me, so who will declare me guilty? Look! They will all wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up."

Second Isaiah (Isa. 40-55) as a whole, & particularly **Isaiah 53** within it, is introduced by **Isaiah 40:1-2**: "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, & cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins." **Third Isaiah (Isa. 56-66)** reaches its very center & peak in **Isaiah 61:1-2a**, which Jesus, at the very beginning of his public ministry [!], reads in his Nazareth home synagogue. At the end of this reading, Jesus remarkably applies this very Isaiah text to himself saying, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled—in your hearing!" (Luke 4:21). Here is that Isaiah-61 text: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives & recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, & to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." As a young man, Jesus may well have learned the unique nature of his Servant-Substitute Messiahship from just such Isaiah readings.

ACTS 8: 26-40: THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH, PHILIP, & ISAIAH 53

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