



A Portrait of God's Servant

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Texts

- Matthew 12:15–21
- Isaiah 42:1–4
- Isaiah 11:3–4

Quote

God is not giving options; He makes options. He did not canvas the Jewish candidates for Messiah and choose Mary's son. He had begotten from all eternity the only One who could bring hope to a lost world. Christ came into the world as the eternally Chosen One. — John Piper

Discussion Questions

1. How does reading the Bible as a kind of portrait give you insights into the person of Jesus and the nature of humanity? When have you drawn new insights from a familiar Scripture, either because of someone else's teaching or because of a new life experience?
2. How does Jesus rest in His status as the chosen and beloved Servant of God? How does His status inform His divine authority and how He exercises that authority?
3. Why is Jesus' service not what the people expect of a coming Messiah? What do they expect? How does Jesus' acting with gentleness and meekness upend all their expectations?
4. Our service should reflect Jesus' service. How can we act with gentleness and meekness toward friends, family members, and neighbors in this particular season?
5. How can the hope and justice Jesus promises give us comfort in this season?

Prayer Point

Take a few moments to thank Jesus for who He is and what He has done and is doing. Jesus is God's chosen and beloved Servant who, "though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped" (Philippians 2:6 ESV). Rather, He heals the bruised, preserves the flickering flame, and promises to make all things right. In Him, we have hope both now and forevermore.