

6-Week Lenten Study

The Suffering Servant

Jesus as found in the book of Isaiah

Luke 24:44-47 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations,

Jesus can be found throughout the Old Testament. He is the promised seed of Genesis and John identifies him as the Word of creation. He comes as a smoking firepot and a pillar of fire, as the Angel of the Lord, and as a cloud. He is identified as the fulfillment of the law, and His symbolism and meaning can be found throughout the rituals, festivals, and sacrifices. He can be found in every book of the Old Testament, as the words to a popular song by Aaron Jeffrey relate:

HE IS...	broken walls and lives	In Hosea, He is forever faithful In Joel, He's the spirit's power In Amos, the Arms that carry us In Obadiah, He's the Lord our Savior
In Genesis, He's the breath of life In Exodus, the passover Lamb In Leviticus He's our high priest Numbers, the fire by night Deuteronomy, He's Moses' voice In Joshua, He is Salvation's choice Judges, law giver In Ruth, the kinsmen-redeemer First and Second Samuel, Our trusted prophet In Kings and Chronicles, He's sovereign Ezra, true and faithful scribe Nehemiah, He's the rebuildder of	In Esther, He's Mordecai's courage In Job, the timeless redeemer In Psalms, He is our morning song In Proverbs, wisdom's cry Ecclesiastes, the time and season In the Song of Solomon, He is the lover's dream He is, He is In Isaiah, He's prince of peace Jeremiah, the weeping prophet In Lamentations, the cry for Israel Ezekiel, He's the call from sin In Daniel, the stranger in the fire	In Jonah, He's the great missionary In Micah, the promise of peace In Nahum, He is our strength and our shield In Habakkuk and Zephaniah He's pleading for revival In Haggai, He restores a lost heritage In Zachariah, our fountain In Malachi, He is the sun of righteousness Rising with healing in His wings.

Some General Guidelines to this or any other Prophetic Study

1. Our main purpose is not to argue to finer points of these scriptures, since not all can be understood perfectly this side of heaven, but to consider where in the New Testament they have been fulfilled or discussed.
2. Most of these have been understood to refer to Jesus since the time of Jesus himself, either being attributed as such in direct quotations by Jesus, or referred to thusly in the Gospels, particularly Matthew, or in the New Testament letters.
3. Old Testament prophecies are often based on symbols, circumstances, or situations that would have been familiar to the prophets or audiences of their day. Everyday images are given greater meanings.
4. Old Testament prophecies may have both immediate and long-term fulfillment.
5. The Bible is unique in religious writings with specific prophecies.
6. Part of prophecies may be separated by centuries in their fulfillment. It is often compared to looking from mountain peak to peak - there may be a lot of unmentioned historic time in the valleys between the peaks.
7. Some prophecies may not apply to us specifically, but are still valuable since prophecy reveals the Words of God as well as His thoughts, desires, and character.
8. To be a prophet is to speak the truth. In that sense, there may be prophets today; however, prophecy as we commonly think of it is considered to be a closed gift since the early church since the Bible is a closed book with no new scriptures being added. According to Daniel, one of the things the Messiah was going to do was to close up prophecy, so for us there are no new revelations in the prophetic sense.

For the next six weeks we will be looking solely at Jesus as He is found in the book of Isaiah. Of all the prophets, perhaps none wrote as much or as clearly about the coming of a Messiah who would be both king and servant, a conqueror and a sacrifice, a prince of peace and an avenging king.

Any study of the Messiah in Isaiah should start with the “Gospel According to Isaiah,” a passage the very clearly lays out the mission of Jesus hundreds of years before it happened.

Look at it first as a straight passage, and then consider it in outline form:

Isaiah 12

You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his

1. I will give thanks to you, O LORD

because: our former condition (relationship with God) was:

you were angry with me

2. but now:

your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

3. is this because of something we did. No, because

Surely God is my salvation

4. since it was an act of God, not us, we:

will trust, and will not be afraid

5. we trust not in our own strength or works:

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

6. Now we are filled

With joy

7. because we have living water and we

will draw water from the wells of salvation.

8. our only responses can be that we will

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy

9. because:

great in your midst is the Holy

Study Guide for Monday
Week 1 - In the Beginning

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-3
4 Things God will do for Jesus:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Tuesday
Week 1 - In the Beginning

Isaiah 60:1-6
5 Conditions or events at the birth of Jesus and 1 future prediction

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

(future event)

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Friday
Week 1 - In the Beginning

Isaiah 29:13-14

3 conditions of religion at time of Jesus
and 3 responses of God

1 _____

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What good deeds did you do yesterday or
what ones are you contemplating doing
today? Was this something unusual or
part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Saturday
Week 1 - In the Beginning

Isaiah 9:6-7

6. names of the messiah

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6 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or
what ones are you contemplating doing
today? Was this something unusual or
part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Monday
Week Two - God Will Do It

Isaiah 49:8

3 Things God will do for Jesus:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Tuesday
Week Two - God Will Do It

Isaiah 50:4-5

2 Things God will do daily for Jesus:

1 _____

2 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Wednesday
Week Two - God Will Do It

Isaiah 53:10

3 Things that God willed or did:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Thursday
Week Two - God Will Do It

Isaiah 42:6

3 things God says He has done for
Messiah

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Friday
Week Two - God Will Do It

Isaiah 42:7-9

3 reasons God will send Messiah:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Saturday
Week Two - God Will Do It

Isaiah 42:21

2 Things God will do because of Jesus' righteousness

1 _____

2 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Monday
Week 3 - The Mission

Isaiah 49:4-7

1 Fear of Jesus and 4 Promises of God in
Return:

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3 _____

4 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or
what ones are you contemplating doing
today? Was this something unusual or
part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Tuesday
Week 3 - The Mission

Isaiah 61:1-2

7 Things the Lord anointed Jesus and
sent him to do:

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What good deeds did you do yesterday or
what ones are you contemplating doing
today? Was this something unusual or
part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Monday
Week 4 - More Messianic Descriptions

Isaiah 28:16-17

4 Types of stone the Messiah will be

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Tuesday
Week 4 - More Messianic Descriptions

Isaiah 8:13-14

2 types of stone Jesus will be

1 _____

2 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Wednesday
Week 4 - More Messianic Descriptions

Isaiah 42:1-4

10 Descriptions and Characteristics of
Messiah

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Thursday
Week 4 - More Messianic Descriptions

Isaiah 11:1-5

2 descriptions of origin of Jesus' ministry

- 1 _____
- 2 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Friday
Week 4 - More Messianic Descriptions

Isaiah 11:2

6 characteristics of the spirit of the Lord

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Saturday
Week 4 - More Messianic Descriptions

Isaiah 11:3-5

6 Gospel and Future descriptions of Messiah

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3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Monday
Week 5 - Expectations and Responses

Isaiah 53:3-6

4 Thoughts or Actions we had about
Jesus:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Tuesday
Week 5 - Expectations and Responses

Isaiah 53:1-3

8 Descriptions of Jesus that aren't What
You'd Expect from a Messiah:

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3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Wednesday
Week 5 - Expectations and Responses

Isaiah 55:4-5

3 things Jesus will be to the Gentiles
2 present and future responses of the nations

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

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2 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Thursday
Week 5 - Expectations and Responses

Isaiah 43:10-11

Are there other saviors?

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Friday
Week 5 - Expectations and Responses

Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-15
7 Eventual Responses of the World to
Jesus:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Saturday
Week 5 - Expectations and Responses

Isaiah 45:22-24
3 Things God has sworn for the future

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Monday
Week 6 - Passion and Results

Scripture: Isaiah 50:5-7
6 Responses of Jesus to suffering and
crucifixion :

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Tuesday
Week 6 - Passion and Results

Isaiah 53:7-9
8 Things That Will Happen to Jesus

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

What good deeds did you do yesterday or what ones are you contemplating doing today? Was this something unusual or part of your daily routine of kindness?

Study Guide for Wednesday
Week 6 - Passion and Results

Scripture: Isaiah 50:9 and 11
3 fates of those who persecuted Jesus:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Study Guide for Thursday
Week 6 - Passion and Results

Scripture: Isaiah 53:4-9
11 Things That will happen to Jesus
because of us or for our sakes:

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