



The Gospel of Matthew

“Jesus: God’s Promised Servant”

Matthew 12:15-21



Jesus the Messiah

OT Motifs of “Messiah”

1. The Triumphant King

- the Son of David, the final king, who brings ultimate peace and righteousness (2 Sam. 7:12-16)
- He would bring salvation/restoration, and execute judgment on God’s enemies



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2. The Lowly Servant

- “Servant Songs” of Isaiah – the coming deliverer is described as the Lord’s “servant”
- ultimately the servant is described as rejected and suffering for the sin of God’s people



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But the Pharisees went out, and counseled together against Him, as to how they might destroy Him...

But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed Him, and He healed them all, and warned them not to make Him known, in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, might be fulfilled, saying,

*“Behold, My servant whom I have chosen;
My beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased;
I will put My Spirit on Him,
And He shall proclaim justice to the nations.
He will not quarrel, nor cry out;
Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.
A battered reed He will not break off,
And a smoldering wick He will not put out,
Until He leads justice to victory.
And in His name the nations will hope.”*



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1. The Position of Jesus

- Jesus, though the Son, is God's chosen and beloved servant



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2. The Lowliness of Jesus

- He did not seek publicity, confrontation or self-vindication



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3. The Mission of Jesus

- He came to establish God's kingdom to the nations



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4. The Tenderness of Jesus

- He exercises patient compassion toward the weak, vulnerable and broken



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Application

1. Turn to Jesus to find mercy, healing and restoration
2. Imitate Jesus – *“encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men”*
(1 Thessalonians 5:14)