
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

CHAPTERS 40-66

Lesson 3: 42:1-43:28

Introduction

Let's consider the concept of eternity. What is the end result for the following groups of people?

Old Testament believers

Jewish people that rejected Jesus as Messiah

An un-baptized baby

People who lived in the Amazon that haven't read the Bible

Lesson Goal: To see that Isaiah proclaims salvation in Christ alone



Servant Song #1 (42:1-9)

In verse 1, we are introduced to a new character. His name is not given directly. Look through the following verses (2-9), what are six characteristics of this character?

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

As you evaluate these characteristics, you will see that Jesus is the fulfillment. This foretold Servant is Jesus. What are examples of Jesus fulfilling these statements?

In Luke 4:16-21, Jesus reads a section of Isaiah 61 that is very similar. What does Jesus say regarding that text?

At what event in Jesus' earthly ministry was the Spirit placed upon him? (Matthew 3:13-17, John 1:33-34)

Evaluate verses 7-9 from the following perspectives:

Exilic audience -

Post-exilic audience -

NT era audience -

Creation rejoices, the LORD shouts, Israel ignores (42:10-25)

Consider the song of praise in verses 10-13. What has God done for you that would cause you to shout for joy like this?



Evaluate: We should avoid songs in church that don't explicitly proclaim the works of God.

In a seemingly sharp turn from "a bent wick he will not break," the LORD shouts about the disgrace of those who trust in idols. How do these two words fit together? (cf. v. 17)

After reading verses 18-25, what makes sin such a big deal?

The New Act of Salvation (43:1-28)

In verses 1-2, God shares comforting words for us. Take a moment to reflect on these words.

In verses 6-7, God speaks of his love for people from all corners of the earth. What truth can you look back to that assures you that you can apply titles like "my sons" and "my daughters" to yourself?

Compare Isaiah 43:11-13 to John 14:6. How would you respond to a person that believes salvation can be found apart from Christ Jesus?

In verse 18, God says something shocking. Essentially, he says forget the Exodus. Why does he say this?

Compare Isaiah 43:25 to Ephesians 2:8-9, why does God forgive people's sins?

In verses 22-28, God brings Israel to the stand. What is the final verdict?

Conclusion

There is punishment for sin. According to Isaiah (and all of Scripture) from where does salvation come?