
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

CHAPTERS 40-66

Lesson 6: 49:1-51:23 - The Second Servant Comes to Save

Introduction

“America needs Jesus.” Have you heard this statement before? What do people mean when they say this?

Lesson Goal: To give thanks to God for the greatest need he fulfilled, a Savior

The Servant Saves (49:1-13)

The Second Servant was called from the womb. (v.1) Consider the connection this demonstrates to the First Servant. Reference Isaiah 43:1 and 44:1. What was the First Servant unable to do that Second Servant came to do?

The Second Servant was mentioned by name. (v.1) Consider Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20-23, what does his name show about who he is?

God used Cyrus as a servant. Contrast the Second Servant’s warfare in v.2 with that of Cyrus in Isaiah 41:25 and 45:1-3.

God would display his glory in the Servant. (v.3) What glorious thing did Jesus do? (Matthew 26:45-54)

The Servant laments the rejection he faces from the people. (John 1:10-12, Luke 23:20-21) Yet, in the face of this injustice, paradoxically, what justice did he achieve? (John 19:30)

Consider vv. 5-6 and Luke 2:32, what was the twofold mission of the Servant that Jesus accomplished?

Consider the juxtaposition of the detest that people had for the Servant with the honor he would receive. When ultimately would kings and rulers have to bow to him? (Philippians 2:10-11, Revelation 1:7, 19:16)

Look to vv.8-9 and 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, what is the ultimate fulfillment of these words?

What similarities do you see between v.10 and Revelation 7:16-17?

“From the land of Sinim,” (v.12) Although there is some question, this is the modern Hebrew word for China. The Servant’s salvation would have a far-reaching impact!

This section ends with an interjection of praise. Do you ever stop to just praise God?

The Faithful aren’t Forgotten (49:14-50:3)

Zion lamented that God had forsaken them. Yet, God’s response was loud and clear. Using familial language, God demonstrated that he had not forgotten his people. He had the power to save; and he would do it.

The Servant is Vindicated (50:4-11)

How did Jesus have a tongue like that of the learned? (cf. v.4, Matthew 7:28-29)

How does Jesus sustain the weary? (cf. v.4, Matthew 11:28-30)

When has Jesus’ word sustained you?

The Servant is different than all previous servants, he did not rebel. Of what examples of God’s servants rebelling in the Old Testament can you think?

Agree or disagree: That which is spoken of in v.6 is too specific to be anyone other than Jesus. (Matthew 26:67-68)

The Servant was victorious. (vv.8-9) What did Jesus do that shows us he was victorious? (1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

God Comforts His People (51:1-23)

God comforts Zion with the salvation that is found in the Servant. He gives them everlasting joy. He calls them his people.

Conclusion

How can you say thank you for the work of the Servant?
