



Isaiah

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The Servant

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The Servant

:One who serves and is devoted to others.

*Expressing submission and performing
work or tasks for another person.*

Matthew 12:9-21

“Jesus went into a synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there....Jesus said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus. Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed Him, and He healed all who were ill. He warned them not to tell others about Him.”

Matthew 12:9-21

“This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ‘Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out, till He has brought justice through to victory. In His name the nations will put their hope.’”



A Bruised Reed

A Smoldering Wick

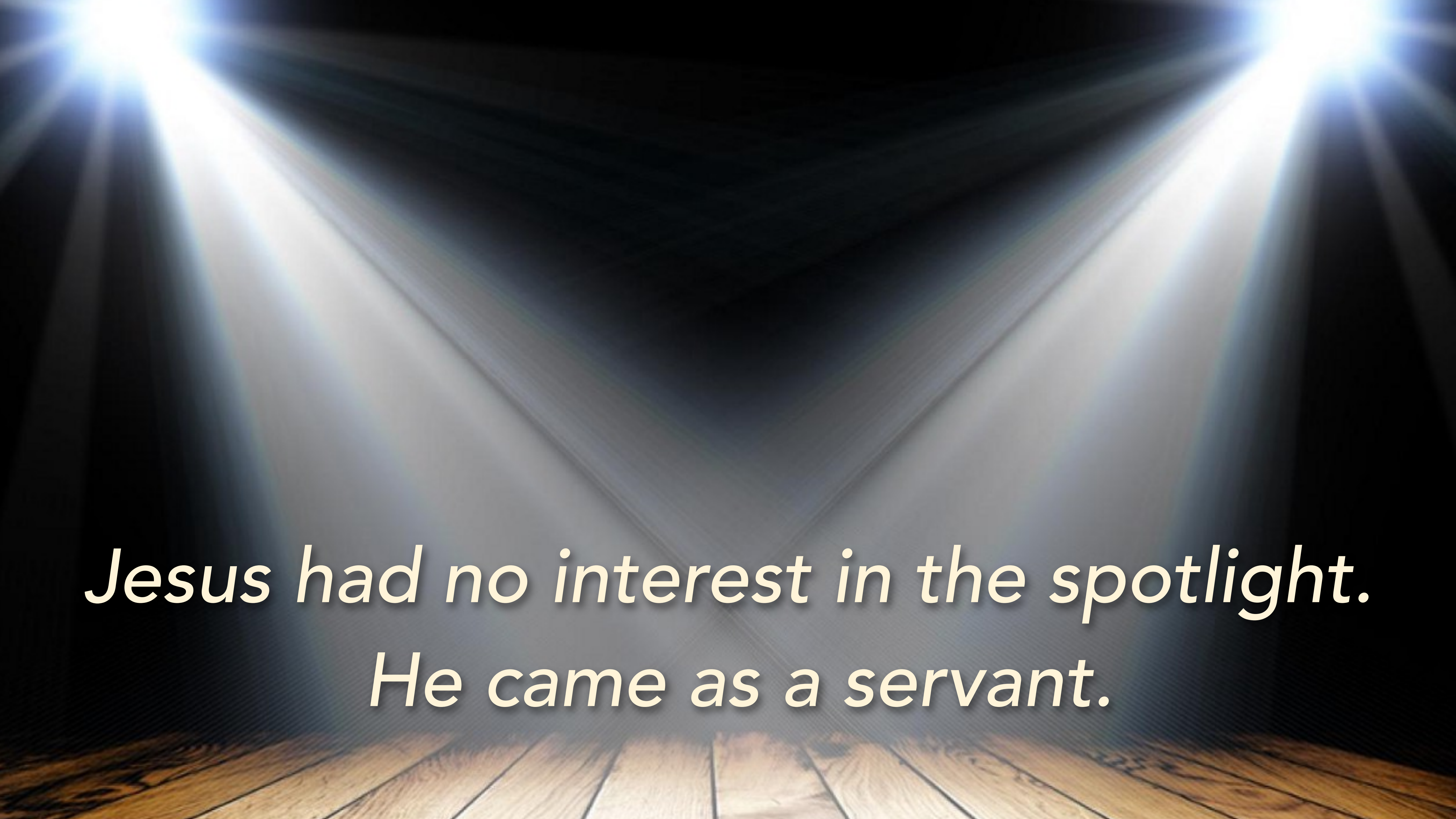


**“My servant whom
I have chosen”**

- ***Meek***
- ***Compassionate***
- ***Humble***
- ***Tender***

**“My servant whom
I have chosen”**

- ***So gentle that He won't
even disturb a dying
candle flame***

A stage with two spotlights shining down on a wooden floor. The spotlights are positioned at the top corners, creating a dramatic, focused atmosphere. The wooden floor is visible at the bottom of the frame, and the overall scene is dark with the light from the spotlights illuminating the central area.

*Jesus had no interest in the spotlight.
He came as a servant.*

**This calling goes back
700 years. To Isaiah.**

**But it doesn't begin with
Jesus. It begins with Israel.**

“The Servant Who Sets
All Things Right”

ISAIAH 42



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**1) *God first called the
Nation of Israel to be
His servant.***

Isaiah 41:8-10

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“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

God created a people
(nation) to serve Him.

To be a blessing to
everyone on earth.

Genesis 12:1-3

Sadly...

Israel failed over & over.

They trusted themselves.

They trusted other nations.

They trusted in idols.

They didn't trust God.

God sent prophets.

God sent trials.

Finally, God sent judgment.

*(Which is exactly what Isaiah
is telling them will happen)*

Isaiah foresees that being
exiled in Babylon will lead
to further idol worship.

(God puts the idols on trial!)

Isaiah 41:21-29

2) *God will raise up a
Faithful Servant.*

(Jesus!)

Isaiah 42:1-9

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¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on Him, and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out. In faithfulness He will bring forth justice; He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on earth.

Isaiah 42:1-9

⁵ "This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

'I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42:1-9

⁸ "I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

The central theme of Isaiah
chapters 40-66 is
"The Servant of God"

★ *Jesus is clearly that servant.*

Jesus is...

*The one born of a virgin who
is Immanuel — God with us*

(Isaiah 7:14)

Jesus is...

*The child born for us who is called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God
Everlasting Father & Prince of Peace*

(Isaiah 9:6)

Jesus is...

*The One who reigns on David's
throne, establishing an
eternal government*

(Isaiah 9:7)

Jesus is...

*The shoot that comes up from
the stump of Jesse, who will
bear much fruit*

(Isaiah 11:1)

Jesus is...

*The Servant who came in
humility to lay down*

His life for us all

(Isaiah 42:1-8)

Why? Why did Jesus come?

The answer is right here
in Isaiah...

- *To will bring justice to the nations. (Isaiah 42:1)*

- *To be a light for the Gentiles*

(Isaiah 42:6)

- *To open eyes that are blind*

(Isaiah 42:7)

- *To release from the dungeon
those who sit in darkness.*

(Isaiah 42:7)

Which is precisely what
Jesus said—
over and over again.

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

1) God first called the Nation of Israel to be His servant.

2) Jesus came as The Servant to lay down His life for us all.

3) We are called to carry
on the work of
Servanthood.

John 13:12-15

Philippians 2:1-8

¹ "Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:1-8

⁵“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross!”

*Make no mistake about it...
this is radical.*

*This is different from
everything we see around us.*

The question isn't: "Am I right?"

The question is:

*"Do I value YOUR interest above
my own...do I love you?"*

*It might not be in the news...
but this kind of love is
changing the world.*

