

BE THE NEW



Be The New Isaiah 42:1-9

A. Jesus, The Chosen One [1-4]

[1] Spirit-Led [1b]

[2] Tender - Sensitive/Meek [2]

[3] Gentle - Grace and Truth [3]

[4] Faithful - Global Impact [4]

The Case Study [Matthew 12:9-14]

B. Jesus, the Light for the Nations [5-9]

[1] Righteousness [6a]

[2] Promise/Covenant [6b]

[3] Mission [7]

[4] God's Glory [8]

[5] Declaration of New Things [9]

The Reminder [Lamentation 3:22-23]

Discussion Questions/Prayer

1. Read Isaiah 42:1-4. Spend a couple of minutes reflecting on the descriptions of the Servant in these verses. How is Christ these things to you today? Why does Isaiah describe Him as a Servant? How is Christ serving you today? How does His care for you motivate you to share His love with others? [Abide Bible]

2. Read Isaiah 42:5-9 [specifically v. 7], and Acts 26:17-18 Paul's Defense before Agrippa]. Do you see the connection between what God tells the people of Israel about Jesus and Paul's defense before Agrippa? What does this tell us about God's promises? [See Rom. 15:7-9]

3. Read Lamentation 3:21-27. When your hope is weak, what do you call to mind? What passages of Scripture? What hymns or worship songs? How do your anchors for the soul compare with Jeremiah's? [LCSB]

4. Pray thanking God for his new mercies that are available [new] every morning in Christ.

Isaiah 42:1-4 Behold my servant [Isaiah 50:10], whom I uphold, my chosen [strengthen Him], in whom my soul delights [2 Peter 1:17]; I have put my Spirit upon him; [Isaiah 11:2] he will bring forth [his] justice to the nations.

² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice [shout], or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Matthew 12:9-14 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. ¹⁰ And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Isaiah 42:5-9 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath [Genesis 2:7] to the people on it and spirit [Job 27:3] to those who walk in it:

⁶ "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; [Jeremiah 23:5-6] I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people [Isaiah 49:8], a light for the nations, [Isaiah 49:6], ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind [Acts 26:17-18], to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. [Psalm 146:7b-8]

⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. [Isaiah 48:11]

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." [Revelation 21:4]

Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord [compassion] never ceases; his mercies [h:chesed] never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.