

prophecy. Isaiah sensed what God was up to, and he spoke the truth about Jesus, the Messiah of God. What do you think? How is Jesus the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy? What else do you believe Isaiah got right about Jesus? Meditate on these questions and write your answer here.

Thursday, March 21

Read Isaiah 42:1-13 one again. It begins with a delightful and hopeful presentation of God's servant whom the Hebrew people should expect. This servant is upheld by God, chosen by God and will bring justice to the nation. Suddenly we hear that this same servant is a suffering servant – a bruised reed. In chapter 53, verses 2-5 of Isaiah's prophecy, we learn this servant will be despised and rejected by the nation. This servant will be afflicted with our disease and transgressions. God will strike him down so that we may be whole. Isaiah's prophecy connects well with the prophecy of Micah from our last Lenten Message. Although the people are judged by God, the suffering servant will take on our sin, our transgressions. Is this not exactly what Jesus did? The servant Isaiah was upheld by God and yet bore our shortcomings so that we may know forgiveness. Prayerfully consider Isaiah's words and write your reflections here.

Friday, March 22

The message ended with the thought that Isaiah was not only thinking of the future servant of God but that we can take on that prophecy for ourselves. We are to continue to bring justice to our world today as a continuation of Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus. We are the modern day fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Pray that God will give us the guidance, confidence and courage to continue this work of Isaiah's suffering servant. Ask yourself how you can be that fulfillment and write your thoughts here.

Message Notes – March 17, 2024

Jesus and the Prophets *– Isaiah's Suffering Servant**

- I. There are just some things that you can't _____; certainly _____ tragedies but thankfully _____ moments as well.
 - A. The Major Prophets are Isaiah, _____ and Ezekiel.
 - B. What we know about Isaiah is largely derived from his _____.
 - C. From the very first verse of Isaiah the time in which Isaiah, son of Amoz that Isaiah prophesied from _____ to _____ BC.
 - D. From Chapter 40 to 66 in Isaiah, it is apparent that someone else wrote those words which must have been just before the fall of Babylon which was in _____ BC.
 - E. If the whole book of Isaiah was written by one person that person would have lived to _____ years or more.

- II. The first verse of our passage from Isaiah 42 is "Here is my servant, whom I _____, my chosen, in whom my soul _____."
 - A. It's a great vision one that we believe points to Jesus the _____.
 - B. Clearly, Isaiah got it _____ about Jesus.
 - C. He's the servant of the Lord with God's "spirit upon him" (v. 1), the one who "will faithfully bring forth *mishpat* — _____" (v. 3).
 - D. The original context of these verses from Isaiah, he (that is Second Isaiah) is probably talking about the nation of _____ when he speaks of God's servant.

*Isaiah 42:1-13 and Matthew 3:13-17

- III. Isaiah begins with great promise of the favored Son of God but Isaiah is a prophet, a truth-teller and he knows that the life of such a person can be _____.
- A. Isaiah begins with “Here is my _____.”
1. Isaiah saw a _____.
 2. This is part of what we know as Isaiah’s _____ narratives.
- B. Isaiah also saw a coming _____.
- IV. In the timelessness of his writing Isaiah proclaimed the _____ about the nation Israel and about Jesus the Christ.
- A. Even better, Isaiah’s prophecy guides _____ in the direction that _____ need to go.
- B. Isaiah doesn’t just get right that God’s servant is coming — he creates a template that we can use for our own _____ and _____.
- C. What Isaiah got right is that _____ of God exists.
1. In the nation of _____. In Jesus Christ. In each of _____.
 2. May we live our days in ways that make this _____ come true

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, March 18

Pastor Jack mentioned that what we visualize is important. Before anything is achieved someone must possess a vision of the future whether it is a project, a relationship or a long cherished hope. Visualization is also helpful in drawing from our past experience. Pastor Jack talked about visions that are positive and visions that are tragic. What do you think of when you hear the word

“vision?” Have you used a technique of visualization to either remember the past or inspire future action? Where did you learn that technique? Contemplate these questions, pray for God’s wisdom and write your reflections here.

Tuesday, March 19

Read Isaiah 42:1-13 and Matthew 3:13-17. The Book of the Prophet Isaiah begins, “The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.” (1:1) Isaiah looked at the behavior of the nation of Israel and he knew that they were not meeting God’s expectations of them. It is a common theme of the Hebrew Prophets that they were people of two great loves: love of God and love of God’s people. Reflect on the two readings for today. How are they similar? What are the major differences that you see? What is the tone of each passage? What do they say about God? What do they say about God’s people? Prayerfully consider these questions and write your ideas here.

Wednesday, March 20

Read Isaiah 42:1-13. As mentioned before in this series of messages, Hebrew Prophets were not fortune tellers but rather “future tellers.” However, the future that was foretold was most often based on the present: the present behavior of God people, the present behavior of Israel’s enemy nations and of course the standard to which God’s people were held. So what did Isaiah get right about Jesus? A good prophet speaks the truth in love, and points people toward where God is at work in the middle of all our human failing. Isaiah believed with all his heart that there would come a day when a leader would emerge from within their people to bring forth justice (verse 3). Jesus fulfilled that hope, that