**The glory of the Messiah – Isa. 42**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ the Servant of God came to seek & save the lost**

Acts 8:28 – *he was reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Acts 8:32 -33 – *now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearers is silent, so he does not open His mouth. In humiliation His judgement was taken away; Who will relate His generation? For His life is removed from the earth.*

Acts 8:34 – 35 - *please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this?* ***Of himself or someone else?***

***Phillip opened his mouth and beginning from the Scripture he preached Jesus to him***

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ the Servant of God came to earth with humility - without publicity 42:2**

*He will not cry out or raise His voice, Nor make his voice heard in the street.*

*He shall not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets –* Targum

Matt 8:4 – *See that you tell no one…*

 Sibbes – The coming of Jesus was modest & mild

1. **Jesus Christ the Servant of God came tenderly caring for the bruised 42:3** *A bruised reed He will not break*
2. Jesus came to a world of bruised people in their sinfulness
3. Jesus came to save the bruised people in their sinfulness
4. Jesus came to deliver the bruised from brokenness

Matt. 12:8 -21 – Jesus tenderly heals and cares for the bruised

*Many followed Him, and He healed them all, and warned them not to tell who He was. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: behold my servant whom I have chosen…a battered reed he will not break off, and a moldering wick He will not put out*

**Consider the bruises of sinfulness**

1. The bruise of spiritual blindness
2. The bruise of spiritual lameness
3. The bruise of spiritual pride & selfishness
4. The bruise of despair & emotional misery

Isa. 53:5 – *He was bruised for our iniquity*

Lk 4:18 – *He was sent to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind to set free those who are oppressed*

1. **Jesus Christ the Servant of God came gently restoring hope to the hopeless 42:3**

*A dimly burning wick he will not extinguish*

1. Jesus came to a world of hopelessness – dimly burning wick
2. Jesus came to restore hope in God
3. Jesus came to promise hope for those who trust in Him

Matt. 9:2 – *Take courage son; your sins are forgiven*

Matt. 9:22 – *daughter take courage, your faith has made you well*

Matt 9: 28 -31 – *when He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him and Jesus said to them, do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. Then He touched their eyes, saying , it shall be done to you according to your faith*

**Consider the hopelessness of lostness**

1. The hopelessness of pain & misery
2. The hopelessness of helplessness
3. The hopelessness of shamefulness

Eph. 2:12 – *remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise,* ***having no hope and without God in the world***

1. **Jesus Christ the Servant of God came to faithfully bring justice on the earth 42:3**

*He will faithfully bring forth justice*

*He shall bring forth the true way –* Targum

1. Jesus came to show the only way to have a relationship with God

John 14:6 -  *I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except by Me*

1. Jesus came to faithfully fulfill all the demands of the law

Phil. 3:8 – that I may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith

1. Jesus came faithfully becoming our substitute to satisfy the wrath of God for sin

1 Peter 2:25 – *for you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls*

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Jesus is the Servant of God did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many - Matt. 20:28
2. Come to the throne of grace to find help in time of need – Heb. 4:16
3. O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Gentle Jesus – Charles Wesley

1 Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, 6 Thou didst live to God alone;
look upon a little child, thou didst never seek thine own;
pity my simplicity, thou thyself didst never please:
suffer me to come to thee. God was all thy happiness.

2 Fain I would to thee be brought; 7 Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
gracious Lord, forbid it not; in thy gracious hands I am;
in the kingdom of thy grace make me, Saviour, what thou art,
give a little child a place. live thyself within my heart.

3 Fain I would be as thou art; 8 I shall then show forth thy praise,
give me thy obedient heart; serve thee all my happy days;
thou art pitiful and kind; then the world shall always see
let me have thy loving mind. Christ, the holy Child, in me.

4 Let me above all fulfill
God my heavenly Father’s will;
never his good Spirit grieve;
only to his glory live.

5 Lamb of God, I look to thee;
thou shalt my example be;
thou art gentle, meek and mild;
thou wast once a little child.