



Who is Jesus: God the Father

Isaiah 42:1 *“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

I find it amazing that some people believe that the Bible is a set up. That it’s an elaborate scheme. I dare you. Try and read the whole Bible through in a year. Then try and set up a hoax using scripture. One thing is certain, you will have a tough time. If, and only if, you finish the Bible from front to back, will you understand how big this book is.

I have a friend who is quite able to quote lines from famous books, even the Bible. I can’t, but he can. Still, he only quoted what stuck in his mind. He has also not read the whole book of War and Peace or the Bible. Yet, he can quote it. It’s practically impossible to create a religion that sticks after two thousand years. Create something that affects billions, and moves nations. From a hoax? That’s a pretty good trick.

Yet, Matthew the writer has chosen to link a random verse to 2 events. These 2 events tell us something about Jesus and his relationship to us and to God. Evidently it tells us who Jesus is. Lets’ look at the first event. John the Baptist is preaching in the wilderness. He has disciples that believe his word. They are his followers. Crowds of people are being baptized and taking an interest in John. John says in Matthew 3:11 *“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one*

who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Isaiah promotes this Christ to come. All through his prophetic book he tells us something about this one person who will rise up. It's known among the Jewish nation. They all knew what to look for. They knew the famous verses. Isaiah 42 has one such verse about God giving them a savior. In Isaiah 30 we have another verse *“and the oxen and donkeys that till the ground will eat silage, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.”* John the Baptist quotes it in regards to Jesus. John baptizes Jesus with water to symbolize purifying the King. John's quote tells the people who Jesus is. He is the one, the Christ, and the savior to come through prophesy.

Then we have the actual God in heaven enter the story. He speaks. What's amazing is God has not spoken through a prophet for 400 years to this point. There has been silence in heaven. You would have to go back many more years to actually hear Gods voice speaking. Yet, here we have God opening his mouth. Not only that but he repeats those words. The ones that the people knew. The ones they were waiting to hear for a long time. *“This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”*

Maybe I'm totally wrong. It sounds a lot like Isaiah 42:1 *“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.”*

Further to that, a spirit like a dove comes down upon Jesus as he is baptized. It makes this part of Isaiah 42:1 look ominous *“I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”*

Then in Matthew 17 we have Jesus' retreat to a high mountain. In those days a mountain is where you found spirits or God. God loves mountains, just ask Moses. Jesus is changed and

looks heavenly or angelic. Almost similar to the spirit like a dove coming upon him at the baptism. Then God repeats those Isaiah words *“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”* People might say the “listen to him” part is not right. Oh, really? Isaiah 42:4 *“He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.”*

What it means?

Ah, what it all means. People have an opinion on who Jesus is. They can call him a teacher, prophet, miracle worker, or whatever they want. Some say Jesus was gay. Some call him a nut. He could be a deceiver. Who is Jesus to you? If God is real, then he had an opinion too. He says in the Old Testament that someone will come. He told Eve that. He told Abraham, Moses, and David that. The Prophets were told. They were like reporters. They cried like a herald to the world “a savior is coming.”

Then he came. God says Jesus is His Son whom he is well pleased. Geesh, God could not make it any clearer. People pick on the Bible that (of course) God had to say those words to fulfill the hoax. To use expected words. An elaborate scheme. Yet, what would you have God say? He did not call Jesus Emanuel. People pick on that. Jesus is technically not from Nazareth, or comes from Egypt. Yet, the Bible tells us how. The Bible tells the people what to look and listen for when the messiah arrives. God delivers the speech and people are skeptical. Go figure.

It had been 400 years since God spoke. Israel knew what’s to come but when it came, they rejected it. They wanted their own savior. A commander, general, warrior, and destroyer of Rome. What they got was actually prophesied in Isaiah 42. Yet, that is not good enough.

Today people say we believe in a higher power. We say all religions lead to heaven. God is dead. Jesus is not real. Religion is corrupt. We say a lot of things they probably said after 400 years of silence. Jesus came and some believed. Some made the connections that God clearly left for them. Today, some have made the connection God has clearly left of us. To make it more astounding today, we have Jesus and the New Testament. They did not have that two thousand years ago. As if it isn't more clearly laid out before us, yet, there are skeptics and doubters.

Who is Jesus? I suppose it all depends on one thing. Are you looking and seeing or are you blind? Look at this section of Isaiah 42. It's ominous and plainly real. Was this series really about who is Jesus? Or is it really about who are you? The seeing or the blind?

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other