

# THE SERVANT OF THE LORD



**ISAIAH 42:1-4; 44:1-5**

# I. The servant of the LORD was carefully described as the Christ in **Isaiah 42:1-4**.



- How do we know that the Messiah is singular?
- From this passage, what can we know of the character and purpose of Christ?

## II. The servant of the LORD was described as the people of Israel in **Isaiah 44:1-5.**



- What is the role of the Spirit in this passage?
- What can we know about others choosing to become a part of Israel?

### III. Orthodox Jews now believe that Israel will become the Messiah (Isaiah 44:1-4).



- What does this humanistic approach obviously ignore?

(Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:13; Zechariah 9:9; 11:12-13; Psalm 22:16, 18, all of Isaiah 52:13-53:12 et al.)

- How can we reconcile the singular and the plural servant passages?

# IV. We know that God's Israel continues the work of the Christ (Romans 9:6-8).



- Who makes up both the people of Israel and the body of Christ (Galatians 3:29)?
- How does God's Israel continue the work of the singular Messiah? (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:15; Colossians 1:27 *et al.*)

**V. We are called to do  
the work of the Messiah  
(Isaiah 61:1-4).**



- As 'the fullness of Christ,' how can we fulfill this passage today?
- How can we better promote praise and gladness instead of mourning and despair?

**Call to Action: To be the  
body of Christ that  
proclaims the year of the  
LORD's favor.**



- What attitudes and actions come from knowing the singular Messiah?
  - What responsibilities come with being the body of Christ?
  - How can we do a better job of proclaiming the LORD's favor?
  - How well are you growing up into Christ?
- How can we help?**