



# BEHOLD THE KING

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and you will find rest for your souls.”

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Jesus, through divine authority, expresses divine mercy with humility to the needy.

# 1. The end of the story

“Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there.  
And many followed him, and he healed them  
all and ordered them not to make him  
known.

“This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

“He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

Matthew 12:15-21

1. Jesus is **aware**.

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2. Jesus **withdraws**.

“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Matthew 16:21



“As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.’ And they were greatly distressed.”

Matthew 17:22-23

“And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem.

“And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”

Matthew 20:17-19

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“And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone,’”

Matthew 8:3-4

“Then he touched their eyes, saying,  
‘According to your faith be it done to you.’  
And their eyes were opened. And Jesus  
sternly warned them, ‘See that no one knows  
about it.’ But they went away and spread his  
fame through all that district.”

Matthew 9:29-31



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2. Matthew's commentary

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“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,



“and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:16-17

“I will make you as a light for the nations,  
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The Servant is a light that brings salvation  
to all peoples.

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The Servant is a reliable voice and leads others to rely on God.

“Surely he [the Servant] has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed  
him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

“But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him  
was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

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The Servant suffers on behalf of others to heal them and bring peace.

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The Servant proclaims justice.

justice = a declaration of intended beauty  
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when that beauty or good  
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It's not what you say ...



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God’s servant doesn’t use verbal tricks or volume shifts to announce justice.

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The Servant's message is for everyone who is needy.

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- b. Jesus's ordering the healed not to make him known is prophetic and practical.

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A largely diverse group of newly healed people may not be the wisest communication strategy.

- The wisdom of **timing**



- The wisdom of timing
- The wisdom of **accuracy**

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- The wisdom of **audience**

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“There is an admirable conjunction of diverse excellencies in Jesus Christ.”

Jonathan Edwards

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4. Soul rest is **eternal and mobile**.