

He Gives Us True Hope

Matthew 12:14-21

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. 15 Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all 16 and ordered them not to make him known. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 18 “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. 19 He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; 20 a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; 21 and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”

What does this text teach us about Jesus?

1. He came to bring _____.
2. He does not _____, _____, or assert _____.

3. He is _____ and _____.

4. He is the _____ of all _____.

How does this text teach us to grow as Christ followers?

1. We can trust Christ to _____ the scales of justice.
2. _____ is the badge of Christian discipleship.
3. When we are depressed, it is helpful to read through the Gospels and see the Lord Jesus Christ at work among the _____ and _____, knowing that he continues his work in us through the Holy Spirit’s application of his _____ work on the cross.
4. When I am feeling depressed, I take great comfort in Christ’s _____ of Isaiah’s words, ‘A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, till he sends forth justice to victory’ (Matthew 12:20; Isaiah 42:3).

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