

applying God's Word to life

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(Isaiah 42:1-7) "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. {2} He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. {3} A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; {4} he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." {5} This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: {6} "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, {7} to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

1. What can you know about Jesus, using only Bible passages from the Old Testament? (Make a list.)

2. Why might you want to use Old Testament passages when you are sharing/defending your Christian faith?

3. How/when are the following passages fulfilled by Jesus? (cite New Testament passages, if possible)

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- 4. Agree/disagree: Sinners should look for justice from God.
- 5. Agree/disagree: Jesus established justice on earth.
- 6. "Jesus died for the sins of the world." Is this an expression of law or gospel? (cf. Romans 3:25-26)
- 7. Read Matthew 12:14-21. Why do you think Matthew quotes Isaiah?
- 8. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
 - How has Jesus fulfilled this verse in your life?
 - How can you reflect this verse in your relationship with others?