

THE PROMISED KING IS ALSO THE PROPHESED SERVANT
(Matthew 12:15-21)

- I. Jesus' Ministry CONFORMED to God's PLAN (Matt. 12:15-17)
 - A. He KNEW the Pharisees were CONSPIRING to DESTROY Him (12:15a)
 - B. He WITHDREW from that place (12:15b)
 - 1. To CONTINUE His ministry to its CONCLUSION
 - 2. To AVOID having to DEFEND Himself
 - C. He HEALED all who CAME to Him (12:15c)
 - 1. No mention of their FAITH-
 - 2. A demonstration of His POWER
 - 3. A revelation of His COMPASSION
 - D. He WARNED them "not to tell WHO HE WAS" (12:16; cf. 8:4; 9:30)
 - 1. AVOIDING the APPEARANCE of seeking POLITICAL influence
 - 2. PREVENTING a premature ATTEMPT to EXECUTE Him
 - 3. POSTPONING His EXALTATION until His RETURN
 - E. He was FULFILLING prophecy (12:17)

- II. Jesus' Ministry CONFIRMED Isaiah's PROPHECY (Matt. 12:18-21; cf. Isa. 42:1-4)
 - A. He was the BELOVED SERVANT of the Father (12:18a; cf. Eph. 1:6-7)
 - 1. Doing what the Father APPOINTED for Him (cf. Lk 23:33)
 - 2. PLEASING the Father WELL by His obedience (cf. 3:17; 17:5)
 - B. He was COMMISSIONED by the HOLY SPIRIT (12:18b)
 - 1. A special attestation of divine AUTHORITY
 - 2. A special attestation of divine APPROVAL
 - C. He will proclaim JUSTICE to the GENTILES (12:18c)
 - 1. Involves HOLDING them ACCOUNTABLE
 - 2. Includes OFFERING them REDEMPTION
 - D. He ministered in GENTLENESS (12:19)
 - 1. Made no PERSONAL DEMANDS
 - 2. Used no means of PERSUASION but the TRUTH
 - E. He was characterized by COMPASSION (12:20a)
 - 1. RESTORED those who are BATTERED
 - 2. REKINDLED those who are EXHAUSTED
 - F. He will ultimately TRIUMPH (12:20b-21)
 - 1. Will exercise divine JUSTICE (cf. Amos 5:24)
 - 2. Will provide HOPE for ALL PEOPLES (cf. Gen. 12:3)