



The
Suffering
Servant



Has Become
the
Conquering King

**Having the
Wrong
Expectations**

How Expectations Affect Everything

In ancient times, imagine expecting that the birthing process was painless

As a child, imagine expecting that you'll never be disciplined

As a young student, imagine expecting every class to be recess

As a teenager, imagine expecting applause for your rebellion

In driving, imagine expecting always being given the right-of-way

In college, imagine expecting you'll never have a research paper

In getting married, imagine expecting there'll never be family challenges

Imagine expecting your spouse will do everything while you just have fun

Imagine expecting that the coming Messiah will only be a conquering King and you will reign alongside Him with no challenges

Imagine expecting physical deliverance instead of spiritual deliverance

Major clues that the Messiah would be a suffering servant

Isaiah 53:2-6 (ESV) ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:7-11 (NIV) ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. ¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Do you regularly thank Jesus for all He went through for you?

Major clues that the Messiah's coming was for spiritual needs

Daniel 9:20-23 (LSB)²⁰ Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God,²¹ and while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, touched me in *my* extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering.²² Then he made *me* understand and spoke with me and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding."²³ At the beginning of your supplications the word was issued, so I have come to tell *you*, for you are highly esteemed; so understand the message and gain understanding in what has appeared."

Daniel 9:24-26 (NKJV) ²⁴ "Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. ²⁵ "Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until **Messiah the Prince**, *There shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. ²⁶ "And after the sixty-two weeks **Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself**; And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined."

Do you recognize the incredible mystery that was unveiled when Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets?

Jesus provided major clues to help His disciples understand...

Matthew 20:24-28 (HCSB) ²⁴ When the 10 [disciples] heard this, they became indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them over and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles dominate them, and the men of high position exercise power over them. ²⁶ It must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life—a ransom for many."

If you've received Jesus' great salvation, what is your expectation in serving in God's kingdom?

Is it to be served, or to serve like our precious Lord?