



Advent Day 16 (written by Deb Bakken)

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Isaiah 42:1-4

"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. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope." (NIV 1984)

Do you remember your very first day of school? You wondered what it would be like. Maybe you wished you could just know some of the things that were going to happen that day. Who would be there with you? What would the teacher really be like? Would there be any mean kids?

People, even grown-up people, want to know what lies ahead. God knows that. Through the prophets, he often told the Old Testament people about the coming Savior. Sometimes he was called a King. Sometimes he was described as a Prince. Here he is called God's Servant.

The people in Isaiah's time must have wondered what kind of person would be a ruler and a servant. Those are two very different things. God described the Savior as one who would serve both God and God's children. He would heal the sick and free the prisoners. He would be humble and faithful. God's Spirit would be on the Savior.

The Savior is coming again. He will bring justice to the nations. He will also bring all his holy angels. God has told us about that great day to come. You can read about it in 1 Thessalonians chapter 4. God wants us to be comforted by his Word.

Prayer: Lord, help us to study your Word so we look forward to your coming again. Amen.