

**SERMON NOTES May 1, 2022**  
**Mt.12.17-21 "The Hope of the Nations" #167**

Matthew here:

- ✚ to sum up **who** Jesus was &
- to indicate the **nature** of His ministry...by quoting Isaiah Is.42.1-4.

These verses contain four great predictions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19).
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.20).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.21).

The full righteousness of God triumphs:

**II. COMMENDED BY THE FATHER** v.18a - He is the Father's **delight** and loved by God.  
God is well-pleased with believers because He sees them as He sees His **own** Son.

**III. COMMISSIONED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT** v.18b - He is the **Bearer** of God's Spirit

Yet, if Jesus was the preexistent Son, eternally one with the Father & the Holy Spirit, in what way could the **Spirit** have come **upon Him** during His humanity?

**First** of all, the coming of the Spirit upon Jesus was a **bestowing** of **power** to His human nature.

**Second**, Jesus required the anointing of the Spirit in order to attest to His **royal service** as the Messiah. For 30 years He had lived in obscurity, but when His ministry began, He was given a special

**IV. COMMUNICATING THE MESSAGE** v.18cb - He brings **justice** to the nations.

Isaiah prophesied that the Lord's beloved Servant would **proclaim** a message of **truth** & **justice** even to the **Gentiles**;

Salvation & fellowship with God were for Gentiles as well as Jews

God's plan for redemption had **always** included the **Gentiles**, & to them the Messiah was to **proclaim justice** & deliverance from sin just as to the Jews.

**V. COMMITTED TO MEEKNESS** v.19 - His ministry is characterized by quietness & **peacefulness**.

**VI. COMFORTING THE WEAK** v.20a

The nature of His ministry will change when He **executes** justice & **restores** justice.  
the nature of the holy God is to **restore**.

In the hands of the Savior,

- ❖ the **battered reed** is not discarded but **restored**, &
- ❖ the **smoldering wick** is not put out but **rekindled**.

**VII. CONSUMMATING THE VICTORY** vv.20b-21 - He is the Hope for all the **Nations** of the World!

**CONCLUSION:**

Judgment is inevitable in a universe ruled by a just & holy God.

- But today is the day of God's **grace**, & we live because Jesus is the Savior.

He alone saves, strengthens, & keeps all who will **repent** & turn to him.