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Who Is This About?

Isaiah 52:13–53:12



He said to Philip, “I ask you, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or someone else?” Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.” Acts 8:26–40



*See, my servant will be successful;
he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted.*

Isaiah 52:13



The identity of the servant

One People: Israel

One Person: ???



The identity of the servant

One People: Israel

*But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
descendant of Abraham, my friend—
I brought you from the ends of the earth
and called you from its farthest corners.
I said to you: You are my servant; I have chosen you;
I haven't rejected you. [Isa. 41:8–9]*

*"I am the Lord. I have called you for a righteous purpose,
and I will hold you by your hand.
I will watch over you, and I will appoint you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light to the nations,
in order to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon,
and those sitting in darkness from the prison house. [Isa. 42:6–7]*



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One People: Israel

*Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf like my messenger I am sending?
Who is blind like my dedicated one,
or blind like the servant of the Lord? [Isa. 42:19]*

*“But, Jacob, you have not called on me,
because, Israel, you have become weary of me.
You have not brought me your sheep for burnt offerings
or honored me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings
or wearied you with incense.
You have not bought me aromatic cane with silver,
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.
But you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.” [Isa. 43:22–24]*



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One Person: ???

*And now, says the Lord,
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him
so that Israel might be gathered to him;
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God is my strength—
he says, “It is not enough for you to be my servant
raising up the tribes of Jacob
and restoring the protected ones of Israel.
I will also make you a light for the nations,
to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.” [Isa. 49:5–6]*



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As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the Ethiopian eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:36–38

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