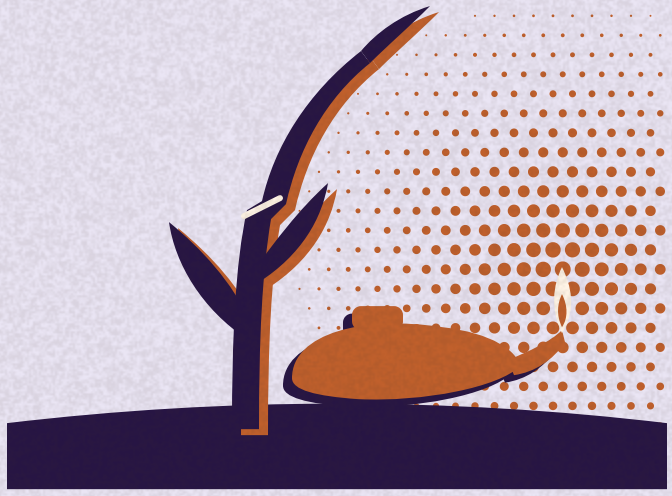
SERVANT OF THE LORD

About whom does the prophet say this?

ACTS 8:34

An Ethiopian official asked this over Isaiah 53, written some seven hundred years before it happened.



1 A bruised reed

קָנֶה רָצוּץ *qaneh ratsuts*

ISAIAH 42:1–3 God points and says, "Behold my servant." He will not raise His voice, break a bruised reed, or quench a faintly burning wick.

2 Morning by morning

לִמּוּדִים *limmudim*

ISAIAH 50:4–7 He listens as a disciple before He teaches. "I gave my back to those who strike." He sets His face like flint.

3 Ours before His

הִפְגִּיעַ *hiphgia'*

ISAIAH 53:4–6 Our griefs and our sorrows, our transgressions and our iniquities: "The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

4 The script performed

MATTHEW 27:14, 57–60 · ISAIAH 53:7, 9 He stood silent before Pilate and was laid in a rich man's tomb. Men who were not trying to fulfill a prophecy fulfilled it line by line.

5 The name above every name

δοῦλος *doulos*

PHILIPPIANS 2:7–11 He took the form of a slave and became obedient to death on a cross. God has given Him the name at which every knee bows.

SO WHO IS THIS MAN?

Four titles. One Christ. Isaiah 53 is where all four meet.