

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.
Now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
that Jacob may be brought back to him
and Israel gathered to him;
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,
and my God is now my strength!
It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah realizes that God has called
him to be a **SERVANT**—from
BIRTH.

God formed us too so we could be
his servant.

But Isaiah's job is
to bring **NOT ONLY** Israel
back to God—He is to bring
ALL NATIONS
to God.

*## In LUKE 2, Simeon, an old man who stayed in the Temple, said:29“Now, Master, you may let
your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you
prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people
Israel.” [Mass Feb 2]*

In Acts Paul and Barnabas said: v.47 *For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have made you a light
to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation **to the ends of the earth.**’”*

PSALM 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open **to obedience** you gave me. [a good servant is **obedient**, isn't he?]
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, “Behold I come.”

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

“In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my **delight**,
and your law is within my heart!”

*Your servant wants –to do your will
and is delighted to do it.*

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;

I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be holy, with all those **everywhere** who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
their Lord and ours.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Like Paul we are called:to be an apostle/to be holy
to everyone, everywhere.

Alleluia, alleluia. From John 1:14A, 12A [read at Xmas]

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

To those **who accepted him**, he gave power to become **children of God**.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel John 1:29-34

This passage follows the Xmas Gospel (In the beginning was the Word. . .)

So John also starts the Life of XT with His baptism by John the Baptist.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

“Behold, the ***Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the one of whom I said,

‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me
because he existed before me.’

*John emphasizes that Jesus **WAS** GOD
before he was even born!*

*Xt was **always** GOD.*

I did not know him,

but the reason why I came baptizing with water

was that he might be made known to Israel.” *[I will go like a herald announcing: He is HERE.]*

John testified further, saying,

“I saw the **#Spirit** come down like a **#dove** from heaven
and **remain** upon him.

I did not know him,

*[Maybe JohnBAP didn't know they were cousins?
Or maybe WE won't know him, as Messiah,
without God's grace.]*

but the **one who sent me** to baptize with water told me, *[Johnbap got the inspiration
from spirit of Yahweh]*

‘On whomever you see the **#Spirit** come down and remain,
he is the one who will baptize with the **#Holy Spirit**.’

*A repeat of the account by
MK, MT and LK*

Now I have seen and testified that he is the **#Son of God**.”

***Lamb of God**

1 The Lamb pictured in The Book of Revelation, risen, who has save us?

2 The Lamb of Exodus, whose BLOOD save the Israelites?

3 The Suffering Servant mentioned in Isaiah who is led like a LAMB to be slaughtered?

Remember the Worship of the Jews involved the ritual sacrifice of a LAMB in the temple!

This recalled the LAMB which Abraham substituted as he was about to sacrifice Isaac,
his ONLY Son. Get it?

Any girl named RACHAEL may

be interested to know that RACHAEL

means Lamb of **E**lohim; Lamb of God.

Racha = LAMB + **E**lohim “The most high” - “The Almighty”

TRINITY

one who sent me = **Father**

So the **#Spirit** – **#dove**

will **remain** with Jesus who is **/#Son of God**.

Again: **The Trinity**.