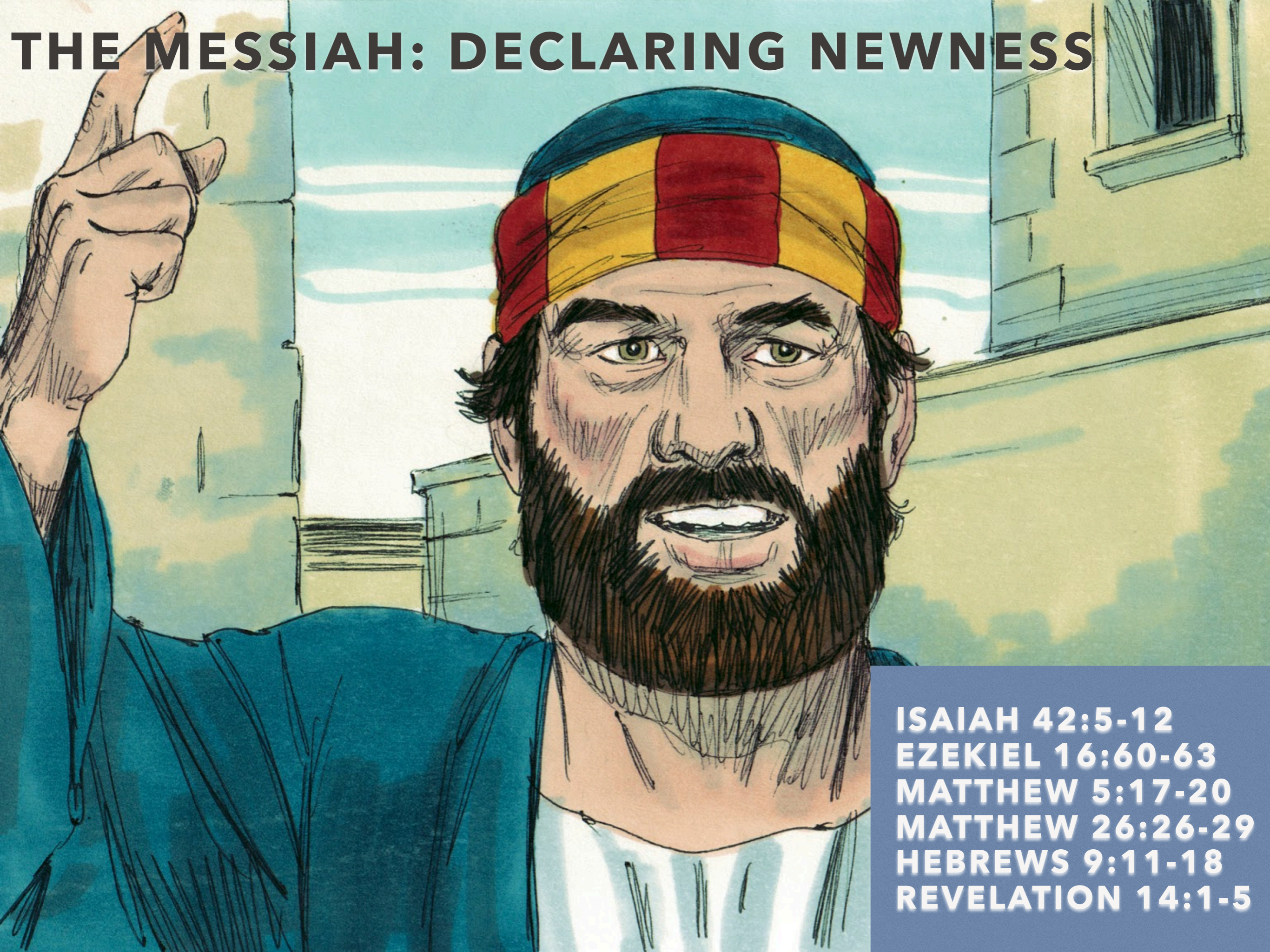


# THE MESSIAH: DECLARING NEWNESS



ISAIAH 42:5-12  
EZEKIEL 16:60-63  
MATTHEW 5:17-20  
MATTHEW 26:26-29  
HEBREWS 9:11-18  
REVELATION 14:1-5

# JUSTICE TO...

- The Gentiles through inclusion.
- The oppressed.
- The entire earth.
- God's justice would be satisfied through the Coming Messiah.



Thus says God the LORD,

Who created the heavens and  
stretched them out,

Who spread out the earth and its  
offspring,

Who gives breath to the people on it

And spirit to those who walk in it,

"I am the LORD, I have called You in  
righteousness,

I will also hold You by the hand and  
watch over You,

And I will appoint You as a covenant  
to the people,

As a light to the nations,

To open blind eyes,

To bring out prisoners from the  
dungeon

And those who dwell in  
darkness from the prison.

"I am the LORD, that is My  
name;

I will not give My glory to  
another,

Nor My praise to graven  
images.

*-YaHWeH in Isaiah 42:5-8*

"Behold, the former things have come to pass,

Now I declare new things;

Before they spring forth I proclaim them to you."

Sing to the Lord a new song,

Sing His praise from the end of the earth!

You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it.

You islands, and those who dwell on them.

Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices,

The settlements where Kedar inhabits.

Let the inhabitants of Sela sing aloud,

Let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains.

Let them give glory to the Lord

And declare His praise in the coastlands."

# THE MESSIAH WILL...

- Be called by YaHWeH in righteousness
- Protect His people
- Bring a new covenant that includes the nations
- Prompt a new song of praise be sung
- Bring great joy to the outsiders.

# OLD WAYS IN BLOOD

- Abel (Gen. 4)
- Abraham (Gen. 22)
- Jacob (Gen. 31)
- Jethro (Ex. 18)
- Levites (Lev. 1-4)

"Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord GOD declares.

**EZEKIEL 16:60-63**

# REMEMBER AND ANTICIPATE

- Ezekiel prophesied during the Babylonian captivity (606 BC - 539 BC).
- YaHWeH would remember His current covenant with the people.
- There was a new covenant coming.
- YaHWeH would forgive them for all they had done under the coming covenant.





Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 5:17-20**

# FULFILLMENT FIRST

- The new covenant had not yet come. This was about 500 years after Ezekiel prophesied.
- Jesus planned to fulfill the Old Covenant.
- Righteousness was meant to be heart-based not simply deed-based.



**You  
did it.**

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

**Matthew 26:26-29**

# NEW WAYS IN BLOOD

- Jesus makes these statements during the Passover feast.
- Jesus would be the blood sacrifice of the new covenant.
- Jesus' blood would offer forgiveness of sins.



But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Hebrews 9:11-14**

For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives. Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.

**Hebrews 9:15-18**

# BETTER BLOOD WAYS

- The blood of bulls and goats was not good enough.
- The blood of Jesus only needed to be offered once.
- Jesus' death brought about the new covenant.
- Jesus' death makes forgiveness of sins a possibility for everyone.

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. And they \*sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless.

**Revelation 14:1-5**



# NEW SONG OF PRAISE

- 144K is a symbolic number of the complete number of God's people being saved. No faithful Christian will be left out.
- These have been "bought back" by the blood of Jesus.
- These have been cleansed and are blameless before God's throne.
- They are singing a new song of praise to God.



# WHAT ABOUT US?

- God keeps His promises.
- Jesus fulfilled the Old Covenant.
- Jesus was the blood sacrifice satisfying the Old Covenant.
- The New Covenant was based on the blood of Jesus.
- The New Covenant offers forgiveness to all mankind.
- Our righteousness must be heart-based and not only deed-based.



Rock Springs church of Christ  
grow in respect to salvation.