

# The Song of The Servant



**The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.**

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*



**The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.**

*They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.*



**I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.**

*Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophesy!" And the guards took him and beat him.*



**Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.**

*In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.*



**He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!**

*The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."*



**It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.**

*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.*

Responsive reading taken from Isaiah 50:4-9, Mark 1:35, 10:32, 14:65; 15:31-32; 15:3-4; Romans 8:33-34 and Hebrews 1:11 (NIV).