

The influence of the 4th Servant Song on events of the New Testament

A) Did the influence of Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 upon the Christian faith begin with Jesus?

Or to put it another way

Did Jesus interpret God's will for Israel and therefore for himself and for the disciples in terms of the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 52:13 -53:12?

OR

B) Was the association first made between the fourth Servant Song and the events of Jesus' life by St Paul and the early church and later by the author of 1 Peter.

In support of A) Christians say things like "Christ died for our sins"

Mark 9:12b how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?

Mark 10:45 whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Isa 53:10)

Mark 14:24 "This is my blood of the^[b] covenant, which is poured out for many." (Isa 53:12)

In support of B)

The death of Christ was variously interpreted by the early church. The author of the book of Hebrews associated the death of Christ with the sacrificial system of Leviticus.

Mark 9 is one of three predictions of the Passion which Mark inserted in his gospel with the knowledge of hindsight.

Mark 10:45 the key words in this passage are not the same as either the Septuagint or the original Hebrew – the only word which is paralleled is "many"

Mark 14:24 Hebrew of Isaiah 53:12 says "He poured out his soul." *Covenant blood* is part of a covenant ceremony in Exodus 24.

What is your view on this matter?