



# **GROWING IN CHRIST: SUFFERING SERVANT PROPHESIES FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH A 6-PART SERIES**

**PART 6 OF 6**

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# The servant is revealed

## Isaiah Chapter 61:1-3

**1** The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
release to the prisoners,  
**2** To announce a year of favor from the Lord  
and a day of vindication by our God;  
To comfort all who mourn;  
**3** to place on those who mourn in Zion  
a diadem instead of ashes,  
To give them oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
a glorious mantle instead of a faint spirit.

## Luke 4:16-21

**16** And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. **17** And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

**18** *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.  
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set free those who are oppressed,  
19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."*

**20** And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **21** And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



# Isaiah 61 Anointing with Oil

***“Because the Lord has anointed Me....”***



The word in Hebrew for “**anoint**” means to rub or sprinkle upon

In Hebrew, the word Messiah means “**Anointed One**”

In the Old Testament persons set aside by God were ceremoniously sprinkled with oil...priests (Exodus28:41), Prophets, Kings

*The oil poured on the head was an outward sign representing the real spiritual work God was performing inside of them.*

ALL Catholics are anointed.....In the Rite of Christian Initiation (Catholic Baptism), two oils are used. The first is used before the actual sprinkling and the second is used afterward.

The first oil is the Oil of Catechumens. Oil of Catechumens is placed on the child’s breastbone or, in adults, on the forehead. It is made of blessed olive oil and is also called the Oil of Salvation. It strengthens the person being baptized to turn away from sin and evil.

The second oil, and the most important oil of the three used in Catholic rites, is the Sacred Chrism. The Sacred Chrism is made of blessed olive oil and balsam. It is used on the head of the infant or adult being baptized. Baptism is not the only time that Chrism is used. Chrism is used in Confirmation on the foreheads of the Confirmation candidates, poured on the hands of a priest at his ordination, poured on the head and hands of a bishop at his ordination, used in the consecration of churches, patens, chalices, and other vessels that come in contact with the Blessed Sacrament, and in the consecration of altar stones. In the Old Testament, anointings with Chrism signified a person was called to a special task from God. In Baptism, we are called to holiness through our individual vocation.



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