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 - and he will bring justice to the nations.
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 - In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
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 - till he establishes justice on earth.
 - · In his teaching the islands will put their hope."
 - What is Isaiah saying about King Cyrus, and compare that to Jesus. List or brainstorm several ways in which Jesus is a greater fulfillment of this Isaiah passage, and how Jesus is a greater messiah.
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