



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“ISAIAH 11:1-10” ON DECEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 18, 2022

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed affect your week?

DISCOVER: ISAIAH 11:1-10

- What did the passage say (in your own words) or what impacted you/did you take away from the sermon this week?
- How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?
- Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)?

ISAIAH 11: HOPE WE BELIEVE IN! Don't we all long for a better tomorrow? We all search for someone or some thing that will help us find a way out of our brokenness, our unfortunate circumstances – a savior or deliverer who will bring us to a place of comfort and rest! Too many people look in all the wrong places to find that deliverer, but there is only One who can truly save us and offer us ETERNAL hope – the Messiah, our Savior Jesus Christ! This is what we celebrate at Christmas: The Messiah came to live amongst us and give us a HOPE we can believe in! Immanuel – God with us!

WHO IS THIS MESSIAH? HE IS FULLY HUMAN! When Jesus walked this earth, He breathed the air we breathe, walked and talked just as we do. The Messiah has a human history – and He FEELS us! In the midst of our struggles and trials, He is right there experiencing things just as we are. He, like us, has experienced temptation! Yet He lived more than 3 decades on this earth WITHOUT SIN! He was fully human but without sin!

- Why do you think God sent His Son to earth as a human at this point in history? God knew how Jesus' walk on earth would play out – why do you think things happen as they did?
- Think of how Jesus the human handled temptation when Satan confronted Him; how does knowing how He dealt with temptation challenge you or encourage you as you face temptations in your life?

WHO IS THIS MESSIAH? HE IS FULLY DIVINE! He is Mighty to Save – Anointed to Save! He is Powerful! He understands everything we need and is our Strength, our Help!

- Jesus the Messiah also knew how His walk on earth would play out, yet He stepped down from the heavenly realms to walk that walk all the way to the cross. What motivated Him? What does His choice to do that mean to you?
- Is it difficult to wrap your mind around the fact that Jesus is fully human and fully divine? What allows you to embrace that fact or what do you find difficult to comprehend?
- Look at Isaiah 11: 2 to see how Jesus is girded with Divinity – how does that verse help you grasp the divinity of Jesus?

WHO IS THIS MESSIAH? THIS FULLY HUMAN, FULLY DIVINE SAVIOR is bringing a KINGDOM of LOVE for ALL people, bringing justice and righteousness to a people who are crying out for justice and for what is right! And the result of His bringing that justice and righteousness will be in peace and harmony between all people as barriers that divide are broken down. His Kingdom is HERE and is YET TO COME! The Earth shall one day be filled with His glory!

- How can it be said that His Kingdom is here and is yet to come? How would you explain that concept to an unbeliever or a new Christian?
- Mankind has constructed many, many different standards for what is right and wrong in many different cultures; what will be the standard of righteousness and justice for the Kingdom of Love the Messiah brings? What will that righteousness and justice mean in the way you live your life amidst man's standards that may be conflicting?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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WHAT DOES THIS 'HOPE WE BELIEVE IN' MEAN FOR MY LIFE? WE are the Church – all of God's Redeemed People are now called to show the love of Jesus to others around them – to take the Kingdom of Love, news of this Messiah, to the brokenness in our city, our families, our _____! (You fill in the blank)

- Do you see yourself as an instrument of God? Are you ready and willing to be a part of the challenge Simon gave us to be a Redeemed Community ready to bring righteousness and justice to those who need it so much around us – to expand the Kingdom of peace and harmony?
- Have you experienced a time of brokenness yourself? Can you describe how Jesus met you in your brokenness? Have you ever been able to look back on that and see it as a gift? Would you be able to use your story to help someone else, to bless another person?
- What's your next step as part of a Redeemed People this Christmas season?

RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God's Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

... for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.