

JESUS- OUR GIFT OF HOPE

Introduction

During a difficult period of hopelessness in Israel's history, God raised up a prophet named Isaiah to remind the Israelites that in spite of everything going on, hope was alive because the Messiah was coming. Isaiah's words weren't just for the Israelites 2500 years ago. They are for us too. Let's look at what Isaiah wrote and see how Jesus the Messiah is our perfect gift of hope today.

Scripture for study

Jesus the great light- Isaiah 9:2, Matt. 4:13-16

Jesus the King- Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:30-33

Jesus is God with us- Isaiah 7:14, Matt. 1:22-23

Jesus the Good Shepherd- Isaiah 40:11, John 10:11

Message Outline

Jesus is our hope when...

- My world seems dark
- The world isn't fair
- I feel alone
- I feel unloved

Discussion Questions

1. Share a time in your life when you felt like you had no hope. What happened?
2. Isaiah described the Messiah as the "great light." In what ways is Jesus a light in our world today?

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3. When some people hear Christians describe Jesus as a King, they might wonder why the world is broken if Jesus indeed reigns. What would you tell them?

4. Share a time in your life when Jesus was Immanuel (God with us) to you. During that time, how did Jesus come to you?

5. What are some tangible things you can identify that confirms without a doubt that God is with you?

Review and Reflection

Into our darkness a bright light has shone, and our hope is reborn. Do you need some hope today? Jesus wants to be the light in your darkness. He wants to be the King over the circumstances of your life. He wants to be Immanuel- God with you. And He wants to be your Gentle Shepherd. Jesus is the perfect gift of hope.