

## CHRISTMAS IN ISAIAH

### *Messiah's Birth*

Isaiah 7:14

#### From Pastor Mark

Advent 2022 launches today. Pastor Phillip and I are excited to share 6 messages for an Advent Series, all from Isaiah's amazing prophecies about the Messiah, written 700 years in advance. "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street" is nothing compared to the truly miraculous Christmas revelations of the God of the impossible.

- I. **OUR GOD'S ETERNAL OMNISCIENCE**
  - A. The Puzzled Prophets (1 Peter 1:10-12)
  - B. The Purposeful Plan (Luke 4:16-21, Is. 61:1-2)
    - OT Prophecies are like mountain tops. God is Omniscient and Eternal—above time, seeing the future as clearly as the past.
  
- II. **OUR GOD'S FAITHFUL PATIENCE** (Isaiah 7:1-17)
  - A. Patient Reassurance (1-9)
  - B. Patient Appeal (10-13)
  - C. Patient Promise (14-17) The significance of Immanuel in Isaiah's day...
    1. The Son as a Sign that "God is with Us"
    2. The Son with Signs of Immediate Relevance
      - a. Hard Times for Judah (15a)
      - b. Immediate Deliverance for Judah (15b-16)
      - c. Looming Chastening for Judah (17)
  
- III. **OUR GOD'S ASTOUNDING OMNIPOTENCE**
  - A. God with Us to Save Us (Matthew 1:18-21)
  - B. God with Us as Messiah (Luke 1:26-37)

Christmas is nothing if not miraculous; but the supernatural is not at the North Pole or with Elves on Shelves. It is in the wonder of the VIRGIN BIRTH OF GOD WITH US! What will your family do this Advent Season to honor the true meaning of Christmas?

#### TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. What encouragement can you draw from the amazing fact that God prophesied events hundreds of years in advance?
2. Where do you especially need to experience "God with you" in your life currently?

#### READ ISAIAH THIS ADVENT, especially...

Isaiah 9:1-7, *Messiah's Titles* (Dec. 4)

Isaiah 11:1-10 *Messiah's Character and Our Hope* (Dec. 11)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 50:1-7 *Messiah's Humility* (Dec. 18)

Isaiah 52:13-53:6) *Messiah's Suffering* (Dec. 24)

Isaiah 53:7-12 *Messiah's Success* (Dec. 25)