For anto us a child is born,
to us a son is given, and the
government will be on his
shoulders. And he will be
called Wonderful Counselor,
alled Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

Week 1 .

Day 2

It was thousands of years between the first prophecy of the Messiah in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15) and when Isaiah prophesied about Him to the people of Israel. It was another 700 years after Isaiah's prophecy until Jesus arrived. We're talking about thousands of years of hard life for Israel. Slavery, oppression, war, division, brokenness - the impact of living with sin - day after day, year after year. For thousands of years. Yet, throughout all this, there was something greater. Something that kept them going day after day, year after year. Hope. Yes, hope that one day, the Messiah will come and deliver them from their bondage and set them free. That hope was realized when Jesus came - although many didn't recognize Him. But to those who do, we can finally rest in Him, Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us. Thank You for not leaving us as orphans on this earth but making a way for us to be right with You. We are because of what Jesus did! Praise the Lord!

Call to Action

While Jesus has come, many who do not know Him. Take a moment right now to pray for someone you know who doesn't know Jesus. Ask God to open their heart; then, don't be afraid to share the hope of Jesus with them.