

Finding the Messiah in Isaiah

A look at the Messianic texts that point to Messiah

Opening Prayer:

Please take time to pray as a group. Pray for our church, for the kingdom, for one another, and for anything else that God lays on your heart. Also, ask God to open hearts and minds to His Word and guide your discussion.

Key Takeaways:

1. Isaiah prophesied about the Messiah 600 years before Jesus was born, with striking accuracy.
2. The prophecies cover who Messiah is, how He comes, how He dies, what He does, and how He reigns.
3. Jesus fulfilled all these prophecies, confirming His identity as the promised Messiah.
4. God's plan includes both Jews and Gentiles in His redemptive work.
5. There is a future kingdom age where Christ will reign on earth.

Discussion Questions:

1. What struck you most about the messianic titles given to Jesus in Isaiah? How do these titles shape your understanding of who Jesus is?
2. The sermon mentioned the virgin birth as God's "flashing sign" pointing to Jesus as the Messiah. Why do you think this was so significant? How does it impact your faith?
3. Reflect on Isaiah 53. How does this detailed prophecy about Jesus' suffering and death affect you emotionally and spiritually?
4. Pastor Joel emphasized that God has plans for both Israel and the Church. How does this perspective challenge or affirm your understanding of God's redemptive plan?
5. How does the promise of a future kingdom age where Christ reigns on earth influence your daily life and outlook?
6. The sermon compared Old Testament prophecies to filling out Jesus' "baby book" in advance. How does this analogy help you grasp the significance of biblical prophecy?

Practical Applications:

1. Spend time this week meditating on one of the messianic titles from Isaiah. How can you live in light of that aspect of Jesus' character?

2. Consider ways you can share the significance of Old Testament prophecies with a non-believing friend or family member.
3. In light of God's faithfulness to His promises, identify an area in your life where you need to trust God more fully. Take a step of faith in that area this week.
4. Reflect on how being a "kingdom citizen" should impact your priorities and decisions. Make one practical change in response.
5. Set aside time to praise God for His detailed plan of redemption, revealed through the prophets and fulfilled in Jesus.

Closing Prayer

Encourage group members to continue studying Isaiah's prophecies and their fulfillment in the New Testament throughout the week.