

"The Coming of Jesus Foretold" Isaiah 9:6 December 24, 2017

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I. God Became Man

Isaiah 9:6 starts with the phrase "For to us a child is born,...". What does Matthew 1:22-23 tell us about the human birth of Jesus, the baby born at Christmas?

How was Jesus like us? What kinds of human things did Jesus experience? How was Jesus unlike us? What does 1 John 4:9 tell us about this?

Jesus was fully God and fully man. Why is this so important when it comes to why Jesus came to this earth?

II. The Government of Jesus

Isaiah 9:6 tells us that the government will be on this child's shoulders. What do you think of when you hear the word "government"? What does it mean here?

What does it mean that Jesus rules our lives? How does Galatians 2:20 put it? How do we struggle with this rule of Jesus in our lives?

What do the following verses tell us about our following of Jesus? Romans 12:1, Matthew 16:24, John 14:23

III. Titles of Jesus

A. Wonderful Counsellor

The first title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 is "Wonderful Counsellor". Why is counsel such an important need in our world today?

Why does having Jesus as our Saviour and Lord and indwelling us give us access to extraordinary counsel?

B. Mighty God

The word used for *God* means "Almighty". What is the message given to us in this title about the reign and the rule of this child, this son?

What does Colossians 1:16-17 and Philippians 2:9-11 tell us about Jesus?

Why does Jesus as the Mighty God bring confidence to the followers of Jesus? Note John 16:33 and 1 John 4:4.

C. Everlasting Father

"Everlasting Father" is a description of the rule and government of Jesus. What does it mean to have a "Fatherly rule"? How would you describe it?

How does it impact you to know that Jesus can have this role in your life?

D. Prince of Peace

What does the word "peace" mean in Isaiah 9:6?

What keeps people from knowing and experiencing *peace-shalom*?

Does having the peace of Jesus mean that we will never have trouble? What does it mean?