



His Name Shall Be

Week 1: The Promised Messiah / Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 12.5.2021

Opener

Which gift that you've either given or received that you would call your favorite gift?

Read

Isaiah 9:1-5; Isaiah 8:22; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 4:13-16; John 1:9-10; John 8:12; John 15:9-11; John 8:36; Matthew 11:28-30

Main Points

1. When we find ourselves in the dark, we don't turn to despair or self-determination, we turn to Immanuel.
2. In the midst of absolute chaos and darkness, Isaiah becomes a voice of hope in what seems to be the most hopeless time.
3. Jesus brings light for those in darkness, joy to those in despair, and freedom to those who are oppressed.

Engage with God in a Group

- What would be the top descriptors to describe the last two years?
- When things are difficult, do you tend to turn to despair or self-determination more often?
- Isaiah uses "nevertheless" to turn from the plight of the situations of his day to point to hope of the Messiah. In your own story, where has Jesus brought "nevertheless" to mean hope for you?
- How has your relationship with Jesus brought you rest for your soul?

Bottom Line

If good news of a future event can resurrect hope, how much more does good news of a past event give hope to us.