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Sunday, December 1, 2024

TITLE: A New King

TEXT: Isaiah 7:1-17, 9:1-7

THE FIFTH GOSPEL

- New Testament authors quote and refer to _____ more than any other book in the Hebrew Bible
- More “Messianic” Prophecies than any Old Testament Prophet
- Major influence on Jesus’ own ministry and teachings
- To this day, Jews look to Isaiah for insight about the Messiah and the End

TO US A SON IS BORN, PART 1

A Christmas Story (in context)

- King Ahaz of Judah is terrified of Israel and Aram and wants to make an alliance with _____ to protect him
- God to Ahaz - “Don’t be an idiot.” (my translation)

Moment of Decision

- Is King Ahaz willing to do _____ as a sign of faith in God?

The Sign

- By the time a young woman (virgin) gets married, conceives, gives birth, and raises a son - the threat will be long gone (~13 yrs)
- “Signs confirm faith, they do not _____ it.” - John Oswalt

HOPE

- A new life coming into the world of chaos and disorder
- God is with his people no matter what - even in spite of our best efforts to be rid of him!
- God is with us even in our poverty and desperation

TO US A SON IS BORN, PART 2

A Christmas Story (in context)

- Jerusalem would hold out against the invasion by Israel and Aram
- Those northern nations would then be obliterated by the Assyrian Empire in 722 BC, but _____ would be spared... for now

HOPE

- Light has dawned
- _____ has ended
- The _____ is over
- Even though _____ was the first to succumb to the Assyrians and plunged into darkness, they would also experience the first light of a new dawn!

The Sign

- The righteous and just _____, who will rule eternally from David’s throne
- Human + Divine / Son of Man + Son of God

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Matthew 1:20-23 – “She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will _____ his people from their sins.”

Matthew 2:1-2 – ...wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born _____ of the Jews? For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 4:12-17 – ...he withdrew into Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah...

HOPE

- God is with us
- God will protect and rescue his people
- God has the future in his hands
- Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the One True King

GOING DEEPER | Study & Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever wanted a sign from God that everything was going to be ok? Do you think you've ever gotten that kind of sign?
2. How can "doing nothing" actually be a show of faith in God? Have you ever experienced that?
3. In your own words, why does God promise a BABY as a sign to put your hope and trust in him? How can a baby be a sign that God is with us?
4. What gives you hope right now? What are you hopeful for as we near Christmas and the New Year? What promise of God do you need to hold onto right now?



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