



# December 24 – 30

For Everyone | A Son is Given

**Icebreaker:** What amazes you about the coming of Jesus?

## Read Isaiah 9:1-7

*The verse talks about Zebulun and Naphtali, both tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The Northern Kingdom had been under Assyrian oppression for many years.*

- From what location will glory come to the nation of Israel? How does this relate to Jesus?
- Read Matthew 4:15-16. How is Jesus a fulfillment of the prophecy of this passage in Isaiah?
- Look again at verses 3-5. Describe in your own words what the Messiah will bring to the nation of Israel.
- Focus on verse 6. How is the Messiah described? (*Read Luke 2:8-11 as the parallel passage showing Jesus as fulfillment.*)
  - *This is not the first time the Messiah is explained as a child. See Isaiah 7:14-16 and 8:1-4. It is Isaiah's child who is the immediate fulfillment of the prophecies of the deliverance of the nation of Israel. Jesus becomes the greater fulfillment of those same prophecies.*
  - Consider the titles given to this child. How is Jesus a fulfillment of these names? (*Note: Father indicates the relationship to the nation, not a reference to the Trinity*)
  - Which of these is most meaningful to you right now?
- Focus on verse 7. What is true of the Messiah's reign?
  - Israel was in desperate need of deliverance from the Messiah. What kind of deliverance did they desire? What kind of deliverance did they need even more?
  - What are other examples of messianic figures in modern history? What did they promise? What did they deliver?
  - How do the longings of the Israelites at that time mirror our desires for deliverance?
- How do you find yourself longing for the reign of our Messiah, Jesus, in our days of trouble?

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