

Sermon Guide

Isaiah 9:6-7; Philippians 2:6-7



► In every way Jesus fulfilled the prophecies foretold about the coming Savior. Yet, in many ways He was not what people expected. How has Jesus surprised you in your relationship with Him? In what ways has he not been what you expected?

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

1. What suffering had Zebulun and Naphtali (v. 1) experienced?
2. What three names are used to describe this child? Which names fit Jesus as you know him?
3. What expectations would this prophecy arouse in you if you had first heard Isaiah pronounce it? What type of son or ruler would you expect to rule?
4. How does the New Testament interpret what this prophecy means (see Matt 4:12-17; Lk 1:32; Jn 8:12)?

Read Philippians 2:5-11

5. What do you think it was like for Jesus to leave heaven and become human? To take on himself all of the sin of mankind?

GROW



► What is one specific way you can imitate Christ's humility this coming week?

► What is one way you can show God's mercy this Christmas season?

GLORIFY

• ✎ Isaiah 9:2 states, “Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” Though for many it currently feels like we are living in deep darkness due to the COVID pandemic and social and political unrest, we have hope because over 2,000 years ago, the Light of the World was born in Bethlehem, just as Isaiah prophesied. The Savior of the world has humbly and mercifully entered into our dark world to bring His everlasting light and the promise of eternity to those who believe. Furthermore, we can look forward to a second Advent when the world as we know it will no longer be filled with darkness, but by the light of the Lamb of God (Rev 21:23). Praise to God for He has heard our cry! Listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to “[Hallelujah Light Has Come](#)” by BarlowGirl.