



Hope Is Born!

Nov. 20, 2022 – Isaiah 9:6-7
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The Context of Isaiah 9:6-7

1. Isaiah makes it clear that he is referencing a time in the future of great **joy** and perfect **justice**.
2. This child being born is referenced as a great revelation of **hope**.
3. The names that this child would be called clearly reference a **divine** nature.
4. Isaiah makes it unmistakably clear that this child is the promised **Messiah** by inferring that he would be the one coming to sit on David's throne and rule with righteousness and establish justice forevermore.

Conclusions from this Messianic Prophecy:

1. The Messiah is **God** and has become fully **human** through a supernatural event.
2. The Messiah was born to fulfill divine **promises** and **purposes**.
 - a. He would be the **fulfillment** of the “seed” promises in the Adamic and Abrahamic Covenant.
 - b. He would reveal **God** to mankind.
 - c. He would become human to be a **ransom** for sin.
 - d. He would become human to defeat the power of **death**.
 - e. He would become human to **help** other humans overcome this world.

What does this mean for us?

1. You and I have **hope** because of Jesus.
2. You and I have **help** because of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you explain the incarnation of Jesus to someone who was not a Christian?
2. How would you support an argument that Jesus is fully God?
3. How would you support an argument that Jesus is fully man?
4. Are there reasons that Jesus was both fully God and fully man? What are they?
5. How does the incarnation of Jesus Christ encourage your walk with Him?
6. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

November 2022 Two Year Bible Reading Plan			
Week 1 <i>Starting Nov. 7</i>	Week 2 <i>Starting Nov. 14</i>	Week 3 <i>Starting Nov. 21</i>	Week 4 <i>Starting Nov. 28</i>
Day 1: Isa. 48-50	Day 1: Isa. 59-61	Day 1: Jer. 5	Day 1: Jer. 14-15
Day 2: Isa. 51-52	Day 2: Isa. 62-64	Day 2: Jer. 6-7	Day 2: Jer. 16-17
Day 3: Isa. 53-54	Day 3: Isa. 65-66	Day 3: Jer. 8-9	Day 3: Jer. 18-19
Day 4: Isa. 55-56	Day 4: Jer. 1-2	Day 4: Jer. 10-11	Day 4: Jer. 20-21
Day 5: Isa. 57-58	Day 5: Jer. 3-4	Day 5: Jer. 12-13	Day 5: Jer. 22-23

'He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. '

-Isaiah 53:7-9 (NIV)

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?