

As it had been Told Them

Tuesday Bible Study Group

November 30 - December 21

10:30 am to 12 noon

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20))

Session 2: Tues., December 7th Who?

Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 40:11; Isaiah 42:1; Luke 1:31-33

Question 1) A Sign. (Isaiah 7:14)

In Isaiah we're told that the "Lord himself will give [us] a sign.... A child, a son, [he] shall [be] name[d] Immanuel (which means 'God is with us.')" We hear this promise/prophecy every Christmas; but what do you think that ("God is with us") means? How would you want God to be "with" you?

Question 2) A Son for Us - The Sovereign King. (Isaiah 9:6)

In this prediction/prophecy Isaiah gives us a list of 'Titles' - "Names"/"Labels"/"Designations" - of positions of power and prestige, status and standing according to this world. Add to this a title like "Mighty Warrior" (Zep 3:16-17) and these are incredibly high expectations. Which title means the most to you? And which one do you not like - or don't understand?

Question 3) The Servant of the Lord. (Isaiah 42:1)

With the Titles mentioned in Question 2, it's no wonder people were expecting a person of 'high birth' or a military leader - not a "Shepherd" (Isaiah 40:11) or a "Servant" (Isaiah 42:1). Last week's Micah 5:2 prophecy said that 'ruler' "shall come forth" from Bethlehem - but, in a stable?! How does the idea of a "servant" and "shepherd" fit into your idea/image of "Promised One"?

Next Week's Study:

Session 3: Tuesday, Dec 14th: Why?

Psalm 22:1 & 6; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; Isaiah 42:6-7; Isaiah 53:3-5; Isaiah 61:1; Mal 4:2

