

For unto us a child is born*(For sermon on 25th December- 2021)***Read Isaiah 9:6-7**

1. How is the child to be born described in verse 6? Think about each name/title given to Him.

2. How can this child bring peace (v7) as we certainly don't have peace in our nation or in our world?

3. How is this child's government and reign possible?

4. Where else does the promise of a forever king occur in the Old Testament?

5. According to the end of verse 7, how are these promises accomplished?

Read Luke 2:1-21

6. What decree goes out and why?

7. Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem?

8. What do we learn about Joseph and Mary's relationship and about Mary's condition?

9. Where was the baby born? How does that relate to Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 7:14 and Micah 5:2?

10. What do the shepherds experience?

11. Why do you think the shepherds were the first to hear about Jesus' birth? (cf. John 10:11)

15. What sign are the shepherds given and how do they respond to the angels?

16. What do the shepherds do after they have seen baby Jesus? Is that something we should be doing?

The Light of the World *(For sermon on 26th December- 2021)*

Read Isaiah 49:1-7

1. Who is speaking in these verses?
2. What do we find out about the Messiah's call and preparation in verses 1 and 2?
3. What confidence does the Messiah have in the Lord God in verses 3 and 4?
4. How is the Messiah's mission described in verses 5 to 7?
5. What surprising inclusion is there in verse 6?

Read Luke 2:22-40

6. What Old Testament requirements are fulfilled in verses 22 to 40?
7. What does the sacrifice in verse 24 tell us about Mary and Joseph?
8. What promise did God make to Simeon and how is it fulfilled?
9. What promise and warning does Simeon give in verses 33 to 35?
10. Who else is in the temple at that time? What testimony does she give about Jesus?
11. Why do Mary, Joseph and Jesus return to Nazareth?
12. In what ways does Jesus "grow" in verse 40?
13. How does Isaiah 49:6 and Luke 2:32 relate? (cf. John 8:12)