

Jesus is the answer to our real needs

Isaiah's Christmas prophecies

- I. **Immanuel**: God is with us as we **fear** the future (Isaiah 7:4-17; 8:11-17).
 - A. **Immediate fulfillment** of Isaiah's prophecy in 700 BC – A child would be born naturally, but before he was about 12, God would deliver Judah from their enemies.
 - B. **Far future fulfillment** of Isaiah's prophecy – Jesus was born supernaturally of a virgin to deliver us from our sins (Matthew 1:20-23).
 - Immanuel = "God with us"
 - C. **Application**: Fear is being convinced of a bad outcome. Trust is believing that God will bring a good outcome to those who love Him (Romans 8:28).
 - Fear leads us to take control using human means (2 Kings 16:7-9)
 - Trust means yielding control and obeying God.

- II. **A Son is Given**: God gives hope as we have **regrets and hurts** (Isaiah 9:1-2; 6-7).
 - A. Israel was judged severely (Assyrians 722 BC), yet Jesus would one day come to them bringing spiritual light (Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:13-17; Luke 1:76-79).
 - B. Jesus would come as a baby – not for people who have it all together, but for us with our real hurts and spiritual needs (Isaiah 9:6).
 - Wonderful counselor
 - Mighty God
 - Everlasting Father
 - Prince of Peace