

Devotion #6- The Response

Throughout this season we have learned a lot about the book of Isaiah and its prophecies. These prophecies have centered on one future person. That individual is Jesus Christ. The first week we learned that the future King would be born of a virgin and would grow up in poverty. The second week we discovered that this King would have a special relationship with the Father. During the third week, it was revealed that the world would have a stubborn heart toward the truth of this King. We learned in the fourth week, that because of this stubborn heart, the people would kill the King on the Cross. This King would take upon himself the sins of humanity and would suffer greatly for his people. Last week we learned that this King would return and rule over the world. As the true and only King, he will be called "Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace." These prophecies were predicted 700 years before they happened. These amazing prophecies all came true through one individual, Jesus Christ, the hero of the story! Through the fulfillment of these prophecies, it shows that Jesus is the true and only King!

These prophecies show that Jesus is everything. Without him, we would be hopeless and lost. This perfect God-Man came to this earth so he could change the lives of people. Romans 3:23 reads, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 10:10 reads, "For with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Do you have a relationship with the perfect King? Have you surrendered your life to Jesus? You are a sinner in need of a savior. The King went to the cross and died a death he did not deserve. He did it for you!

Many of you may have a relationship with Jesus. If that's the case, it's important that you belong to a church. Ephesians 2:19-22 reads, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." The church becomes your family in this world. They become your brothers and sisters in Christ. Belonging to a community of believers is necessary for the believer. You are not intended to live this life alone; you are intended to do it with your family in Christ! As the church, we have a calling to be a light to the world! That can only be done together, not alone. We hope you will consider being part of the church!

Questions:

1. Can you remember all the prophecies that pointed to Jesus?
2. Why are these prophecies so important? Why did Jesus need to fulfill them?
3. Why is being part of a church so important?