

## Devotion #5- The Ruler of the World

Throughout the weeks we've discovered that Jesus fulfills many prophecies from the book of Isaiah. First, we learned that Jesus was born of a virgin and grew up in poverty. Secondly, we learned that the Father was proud of Jesus and had a special relationship with him. Third, we discovered that the world had a stubborn heart toward the truth of Jesus Christ. Last week, it was revealed that Jesus took on the sins of humanity and suffered greatly on the cross. His death and resurrection is the only way to salvation. By believing in Jesus and surrendering your life to him, you can have eternal life in paradise.

Today we are going to hear of another prophecy from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah 9:6-7 reads, "For a child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on his shoulders; and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of his government of peace on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore."

Every four years in this country we vote for the president of the United States of America. In every state, people gather in lines and choose to vote for the individual they think can best help our country. They look for a leader who govern over policies, military, economy, and ethics. To this point in our country, we have never had a perfect president. They all fall short of leading our country to peace and perfection. They fall short because they are human sinners and unable to live up to a standard.

This prophecy is about a King who will come and change the world. Jesus died on the cross and rose again. But he is not finished with his work. There will be a day when he comes to rule on this earth as the one and only king. All the presidents, rulers, and powers of this world will surrender their authority to the one and only King.

What will this perfect King be called? He will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Priest." This great King will be recognized as the wisest man ever to exist. Not only will people recognize him as a man, but also as eternal God. This King will also bring great peace to the world. Imagine a world with no sin, no poverty, no death, no disease, no cancer, no wars, no racism, no fighting, no divorce, no pain at all. There is one in this world who can govern and change everything. He can sit on the throne and bring righteousness and peace. He can change the hearts of man. Stop trusting in presidents, governors, and leaders. There is only one King worth trusting in. That is Jesus Christ.

### Questions:

1. Can you name the prophecies that Jesus has fulfilled?
2. Why do all leaders fall short?
3. What makes Jesus the perfect King and how will he change the world?