

# Isaiah's Vision of Christmas

## “Mighty God”

### Isaiah 9:6

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#### Introduction:

- **Isaiah 9:6**
  - The truth is, we are all in need of rescuing in our life.
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#### 1. We are Hopelessly Lost in a World Contaminated by Sin:

- Romans 3:23**
- Romans 6:23**
- Romans 8:22**
- Matthew 24:38-39**
- But there are voices of authority telling us that everything will be okay. That we're okay. They say things like:
  - Science will figure it all out.
  - Education will save us ... If you can ever get the kids back in class.
  - Politicians will fix all our problems ...
  - You are your own god; you are all you need.
- We even have churches compromising scripture and saying; “It is okay, we have to be relevant to society in order to minister to them.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:10**
- Ephesians 2:12**
  - Here is a problem that only God can solve:
    - Man is separated from God by sin.
    - No amount of human effort can correct the problem.
    - We are all destined to die and be separated from God for eternity.
- But there is good news.

#### 2. Our Mighty God came to Rescue Us:

- Matthew 1:22-23**
- I love the name, Immanuel – “God with us” ... It makes the Messiah so much more personal.
- In all other religious ideas, man pursues god. But Christianity is the only place you will find God pursuing man.
- Some will say, “Jesus never claimed to be God!”
  - John 8:58**
  - John 10:30**
  - John 14:9**
  - John 5:18**
- Jesus proved He was God by doing things that only a Mighty God could do!
  - He was born of a virgin ... He lived an impressive and sinless life ... No one could find fault in Him, not even His enemies ... He taught deeply profound truths.

- ii. No man ever spoke as He spoke, with His authority ... He performed powerful, undeniable miracles, calming a storm, walking on water, and raising the dead.
  - iii. He made accurate prophesies about Himself – **Matthew 20:18-19**
  - iv. A war-hardened Centurion even testified as to who Jesus was – **Matthew 27:54**
  - v. He celebrated an amazing resurrection – **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:3-8**
  - vi. He left in a way they would never forget – **Acts 1:9-11**
  - vii. HE now makes you and I a generous offer – **John 11:25**
- f. What else does Jesus need to do to convince you that He is the Mighty God?
- i. **John 1:1**
  - ii. **John 1:14**
  - iii. **John 20:28**
  - iv. **Romans 9:5**
  - v. **Zephaniah 3:17**
- g. Jesus says “Follow Me to safety” – **John 3:17-18**
- h. He became our sin offering for us. – **John 10:17-18**
- i. The sins of all mankind were laid upon Him. – **Isaiah 53:5-6**
- j. **Luke 22:42**
3. We are Free to Choose or Reject Jesus:
- a. **Revelation 22:17**
  - b. The Wise Men and Harrod had the same evidence, yet they saw it very differently. Ever wonder why? – Free Will.
  - c. **Mark 16:15-16**
  - d. You have to make a choice by your own Free Will!
  - e. **Hebrews 11:6**
  - f. **Revelation 3:16**
  - g. If you choose to Believe, the next step is to Repent - **Luke 13:3 ... James 1:22**
  - h. Then you choose to Confess Christ publicly – **Matthew 10:32**
  - i. Then you are Baptized into Christ – **Acts 2:36-38**
  - j. **Galatians 1:4**
  - k. **1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:10**
  - l. **2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:18**
  - m. **Colossians 1:13**
  - n. We all need to be rescued – **John 8:12**

