



Week 2 - The Savior Reigns

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.*

Isaiah 11:1-9 (ESV)

*Behold, the Sovereign Lord of Angel Armies
is about to cut off the branches with terrifying power.
He will cut down the exalted heights of the high,
and all the lofty will be brought low.
He will slash the thickets of the forest as with an axe,
and Lebanon will fall before the Mighty One.*

Isaiah 10:33-34 (TPT)

*He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an axe,
and Lebanon will fall by the Majestic One.
There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

Isaiah 10:34-11:1 (ESV)

Three ways to make peace this Christmas:

1. Make peace with _____.
2. Make peace with _____.
3. Make peace with _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt like the circumstances of your life resembled the end of Isaiah 10 - full of devastation and destruction? What was that season of life like for you? Did you feel the presence of God in the middle of that time?
2. Of the three ways to make peace that are mentioned in the talk, which is hardest for you and why?
3. For you to experience peace this Christmas, what is the single most important action step you need to take?

Recommended Resources

- *Hidden Christmas*, by Timothy Keller
- *The Purpose of Christmas*, by Rick Warren
- *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado

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