

Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-7, 11:1-5, 52:13-15, 53, 61:1-2

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

Readings this week:

- S Isaiah 9:1-7
- M Isaiah 42:1-9
- T Isaiah 53
- W Isaiah 55
- Th Psalm 22
- F Luke 1:26-35
- S Luke 24:35-49

Isaiah wrote some prophecies which talk about the Messiah.

Use the references on the top left of the page to build a picture in your heads of the character and work of the Messiah. Then identify where the passages are in the words on the picture. The

picture is a shadowy outline of a man - Isaiah's words gave an outline of what the Messiah would be like to the people who heard him.



The Virgin shall be with child, and will give birth to a son, and will call him _____. To us a _____ is given. He will reign on David's _____ with _____ and righteousness for ever. A _____ will come up from the stump of Jesse. The Spirit of the _____ will rest on him. He was _____ and _____ by

men, a man of _____, and familiar with suffering. Surely he took up our _____ and carried our _____,

yet we considered him _____ by God, smitten by him, and _____.

But he was _____ for our _____. He was _____ for our iniquities. By his wounds we are _____. We all, like sheep, have gone _____. Each of us has turned to his _____. Therefore I will give him a portion among the _____ because he poured out his _____ unto _____.

For he bore the _____ of many. The Spirit of the Lord is on me because the LORD has anointed me to _____ good news to the _____. He has sent me to bind up the _____, to proclaim _____ for the _____. He was oppressed and _____, yet he did not open his _____;

He was led like a _____ to the slaughter. For the transgression of my _____ he was stricken. He was assigned a _____ with the wicked and with the _____ in his death, though he had done no _____ nor was any _____ in his mouth. Yet it was the _____ will to crush him. And though the LORD makes his life a _____ offering, he will see his _____ and prolong his _____ and the will of the LORD will _____ in his hand.

Discuss with your group what this message meant to Isaiah. How would he have felt about the future? Think about last week's prophecy of the vineyard, which gives a different picture of God's work. How do you think Isaiah reconciled the two?

Look at these passages to see how Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies. Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; Luke 4:14-22; Matthew 26:36-39, 63-68; Matthew 27:44, 57-60; Hebrews 4:14-15; Luke 24:1-6, 25-27; Philippians 2:8-11; Romans 8:3

Digging Deeper

In last week's lesson we had a brief look at the Passover that Hezekiah celebrated with his people. Remind yourself what they had to do and how the killing of the Passover lamb was looking forward to Jesus. Exodus 12:3,5,13.

Although Isaiah and Hezekiah lived about 700 years before Jesus was crucified and became our Passover lamb we can still learn some lessons from the way Hezekiah celebrated the Passover. Look at these passages and see if you can think what they are.

What did Hezekiah do that wasn't in accordance with the way they were supposed to celebrate the Passover? 2 Chronicles 30:3-4,17-18.

Were they doing the best they could to do what God wanted?
2 Chronicles 30:4-6,8,12,21-22,23.

What did they do about the things they couldn't do properly? v19
Did God forgive them? v20 and 27.

Who was invited to Hezekiah's Passover? 2 Chronicles 30:5,18 (remember that much the nation of Israel had mostly been taken into captivity at this time and the people left were a mixture of peoples like Gentiles)

Try to do something for someone today that shows you know Jesus.

Isaiah's words gave people an ideal to look forward to and look up to. Who do people look up to today? Who are the heroes and celebrities that you and your friends have? Do these people show the same characteristics as Jesus?

Pray that today you will be aware that Jesus is a real person who can see and hear you now