



December 13, 2009

*Part 5:*  
**The Reign of the Messiah**

Isaiah 11

*As we prepare for Advent and the birth of Christ, the first 12 chapters of Isaiah will help us rediscover God and His great plan of salvation which He promised beforehand through the prophets.*

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**Summary of Today's Lesson:** The fifth lesson Isaiah teaches us is that God's Messiah will arise from the line of David and bring God's kingdom on earth. We believe that Jesus Christ fulfilled these prophecies.

- 1. Jesus the Messiah will be the PERFECT King.**
- 2. Jesus the Messiah will bring God's Kingdom to the earth.**
- 3. The Mission of the Church is to extend the reign of the Messiah by spreading the Knowledge of God through the Gospel.**
- 4. God's Spirit is preparing God's Creation for return of its King.**

## When the Savior Arrives: The Reign of the Messiah

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**Getting to Know Me:** (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What (if any) New Year's Resolution have you actually made and kept?

**Getting Started:** (these questions are designed to "prime the pump" and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Do you think that there are some cultural misconceptions about who Jesus is in the church today?
3. What do you think are the most common misconceptions?

**Digging Deeper:** (these questions are "text-based" and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

1. **Read Isaiah 11:1-5** – How does Isaiah describe Jesus? How does this challenge your own conceptions of who Jesus is?
2. **Read Isaiah 11:6-10** – Isaiah describes the Kingdom of God in terms of contradictions. Why do you think Isaiah's purpose is in using these contradictions within the animal kingdom to describe God's kingdom?
3. **Read Isaiah 11:9-10** – Why do you think Isaiah seems to believe that "covering the earth with knowledge of God" will make a difference in the world? How should Isaiah's vision of the future affect the way we live our lives today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### Application:

1. Where do you sense the Holy Spirit calling you to grow more in your knowledge of God?