

The Promise of Jesus

Lesson 47

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 53:1-12; Micah 5:2

Memory Verse

Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.
Psalm 119:37

Introduction

Have you ever had someone keep their promise? It feels good when someone remembers a promise and does what he/she said. Years and years before Jesus was born, God promised His people that He would send them someone to rescue them.

Scripture

Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Micah 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Ask: What does the Bible say about the place that Jesus would be born in?

The Bible says that a ruler would come from Bethlehem.

In Micah 5:2, God tells His people that Jesus would be born and where. God's promise did come true. Jesus was born in a small town called Bethlehem just like Micah 5:2 says!

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

Ask: What does the Bible say about the mother of Jesus?

The Bible says she would be a virgin.

Ask: To whom does the angel say this?

In Matthew 1:23, the angel tells Joseph that Mary would give birth to the Son of God.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Ask: What does the Bible say His name will be?

In Isaiah 7:14, the Bible even tells us one of Jesus' names. His name would be "Immanuel." This means that God would rescue His people. In Matthew 1:23, an angel tells Joseph that God's son would be called "Immanuel." God kept His promise!

The book of Isaiah has many places where God gave us promises about Jesus. Did you know that this book was written over 400 years BEFORE Jesus was born! Only God could keep a promise like that!

Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9:6-7 tells us that Jesus has other special names. It also tells us that Jesus' ancestors were from King David's family. In Matthew 1:6 and Luke 3:31, the Bible shows that what was written in Isaiah is true!

Application

God kept another promise too. He promised that He would rescue us. He rescued us from death. Because of all the bad things we have all done, we deserve punishment. God loves us so much that He wanted to rescue us from our punishment. Jesus died on a cross for all the wrong things we have done. The best news is that Jesus came back to life. God kept His promise again!

We must believe God's promise and trust Jesus. We must tell God we are sorry for our sins. Then we pray and ask Jesus to come into our hearts. Jesus comes into our lives and changes them. It's like we are brand new. We don't want to do bad things anymore; we want to help others. We want to pray and read our Bibles to know God better. We want to tell others about Jesus and come to church. We want to live for God and obey Him.

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

God wants to change our lives and our hearts. God wants us to know Him and to know His love. God does not force us to follow Him. God waits for us to invite Him to be a part of our lives.

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead. Then we will be saved and have new life.