



Sermon/Small Group Guide for week of 11/15/20- Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-7, Micah 5:1-6, and Matthew 2

Anticipate Part #3

1. The birth of Jesus Christ was prophesied hundreds of years before his coming

-Read Isaiah 7:14, 9:1-7, and Micah 5:1-6

Discussion Questions: What are some observations you can make about the birth of Jesus from these passages? What else do Isaiah and Micah say about what the Messiah would be like? How do they describe him and how do they describe what he is going to do? How do these prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus encourage you or bring you comfort?

2. Herod did everything he could to destroy Jesus

-Read Matthew 2:1-23

Discussion Questions: What are some observations you can make about King Herod? How did he react to the news that a “ruler” had been born? What actions does he undertake to try to destroy Jesus? What do Herod’s actions and attitudes tell us about sin? What are some traits he had that we ought not exemplify?

3. In spite of Herod, Jesus was worshipped and preserved

-Read Matthew 2:1-23

Discussion Questions: What are some observations you can make about the wise men? What was their motivation in coming to Jerusalem? How did they react when they saw Jesus? How can you follow their example in your own life? What did the Lord do to preserve Jesus from Herod? How has the Lord preserved you in your life?

Prayer requests/People to pray for: _____

Next steps to take as a result of the message: _____

Weekly Spiritual Growth Suggestions:

-**Read** Matthew 1-2 this week

-**Listen** to *Joy Of The Lord* by Rend Collective, *Behold Him* by Paul Baloche, *King of Kings* by Travis Cottrell

-**Pray** through Psalm 94 this week