



ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS

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God deals in the impossible!

ISAIAH: AN EARLY BIOGRAPHY OF JESUS

I. MEETING JESUS BEFORE HE WAS BORN

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JOHN 12:37-41.

“The things Isaiah said because he [Isaiah] saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.”

II. BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

ISAIAH 7:14

“Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”

LUKE 1:31, 34-35, “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus [Savior, Redeemer].”
[34] Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” [35] The angel answered and said to her,

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.”

MATTHEW 1:21-25

“She [Mary] will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” [22] Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet;

[23] “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” [24] And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, . . .

[25] but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”

ISAIAH 40:3.

A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.”

JOHN 1:23.

“I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”

ISAIAH 9:6-7,

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. [7] There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness. . . .

From then on and forevermore, the zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

So, WWJD—What would Jesus Do?

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III. PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS (the Gospel).

ISAIAH 9:1-2,

“But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles [nations].

. . .

[2] The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.”

MATTHEW 4:12-17.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; [13] and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. [14] This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

[15] “THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE
LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE
SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF
THE GENTILES—

[16] THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.” . . .

[17] From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

ISAIAH 42:6

“I am the LORD, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations.”

LUKE 2:29-32

Simeon said, “Now Lord, you are releasing
Your bond servant to depart in peace,
according to Your word; [30] for my eyes have
seen Your salvation, [31] which you have
prepared in the presence of all peoples,

[32] A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE
GENTILES, and the glory of Your people
Israel.”

ISAIAH 55:1

Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.”

JOHN 4:13-14

“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; [14] but whoever drinks of the water that I give him shall never thirst, but the water that I give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

JOHN 7:37

Now on the last day. The great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

ISAIAH 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Lord God [YHWH] is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me to bring
good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to
bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to captives and freedom to prisoners;

[2] to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
and the day of vengeance of our God; to
comfort all who mourn.

LUKE 4:16-21

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. [17] And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

[18] “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH
THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS
SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE
CAPTIVES, AND RECOVER THE SIGHT TO
THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO
ARE OPPRESSED, [19] TO PROCLAIM THE
FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.” . . .

[20] And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. [21] And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

LUKE 7:19-22

Summoning two of his disciples, John [the baptizer, who was in prison at this time] sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?” [20] When the men came to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, ‘Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?’”

[21] At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind. [22] And He answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you have seen and heard:

The BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT [Isaiah 35:5], the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.”

ISAIAH 29:13

“Then the Lord said, ‘Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote.’”

MATTHEW 15:7-9

Jesus said, “You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: [8] ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME, [9] BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’”

ISAIAH 52:7

“How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation and says to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’”

ROMANS 10:14-15

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? [15] How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, . . .

‘HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF
THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF
GOOD THINGS!’”

IV. HIS SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS

Sin, . . . Sacrifice, . . . and Savior

ISAIAH 53:1-12

JOHN 12:37-41

But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him. [38] This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke:

“LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?” [39] For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, [40] HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, . . .

AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM [Isaiah 6:10].”
[41] These things Isaiah said because he saw
His glory, and he spoke of Him.

Did Isaiah understand that the Suffering
Servant of Isaiah 53 was the same Person, he
witnessed on the throne in Isaiah 6?

HEBREWS 11:13

“All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.”

V. HIS RETURN TO CLAIM HIS OWN

We saw the Suffering Servant in Isaiah 53,
now we need to see the Exalted Servant in
chapter 52.

ISAIAH 52:13-15

“Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted. [14] Just as many were astonished at you, My people, so His appearance was marred more than any man and His form more than the sons of men.

[15] Thus He will sprinkle many nations, kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; for what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him,
and bestowed on Him the name which is
above every name, [10] so that at the name of
Jesus . . .

EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, [11] and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

ISAIAH 13:10

“For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light, the sun will be dark when it rises and the moon will not shed its light.”

MATTHEW 24:29

“But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the earth will be shaken.”

REVELATION 21:23

“And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.”

ISAIAH 25:8

“He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God [YHWHY] will wipe tears from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54

But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.”

REVELATION 21:4

“And He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

HALLALUJAH, WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE!

ISAIAH 65:17

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.”

REVELATION 21:1

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away.

SO WHAT?

They foretold with great accuracy and consistency things which they could not fully understand.

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Salvation lies only in God—the only question is whether or not we will accept His offer.

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Do you and I see anything in our own life that might fall under Isaiah's critique of injustice—treating family, colleagues, or even . . . strangers with unkindness, or even contempt?

Come back to purity in our love for God and for our neighbors?

LUKE 10:26-28

“And He [Jesus] said to him [the lawyer], ‘What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?’

[27] And he answered, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

[28] And He said to him, 'You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.'"



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