

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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Fulfilled – Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

Luke 2:8-11; Matthew 4:12-17; Isaiah 9:1-7

1. Read Luke 2:8-11. What do we learn in this text about Jesus?
 - a. He was announced by angels to the shepherds out in the fields.
 - b. His coming was good news that would cause great joy.
 - c. He was born in the town of David, he is the Messiah (Christ), and he is the Lord.

2. Read Matthew 4:12-17. This is the beginning of Jesus’s earthly ministry. What do we learn about John the Baptist in verse 12? _____

3. What does Jesus do, according to verses 13-17?
 - a. He went to live in Capernaum.
 - b. He fulfilled what was said through the prophet Isaiah.
 - c. He began to preach...

4. Read Isaiah 9:1-7. While the Luke text is in no way a quote of the Isaiah text, we associate this “announcement” of a child being born with the Luke 2 text. According to verse 1, what was the situation of the people to whom this great light appears? _____

5. What would God do for them, according to verses 2-5?
 - a. The light of dawn will wipe away the darkness in which they have been living.
 - b. Their nation would be enlarged, their joy increased, and they will rejoice.
 - c. The burdensome yokes and the rods of their oppressors will be shattered.
 - d. The battle clothes and reminders of death and defeat will be burned.

6. Verse 6 begins with the word “for.” What does this mean and what should we know when we see this? _____

7. What does Isaiah tell us about the “child” and “son” who will come to bring hope to these people?
 - a. The government will be on his shoulders.
 - b. He will be called Wonderful Counselor (See also John 14:16).
 - c. He will be called Mighty God.
 - d. He will be called Everlasting Father.
 - e. He will be called Prince of Peace (See also Luke 1:32-33, 79, John 14:27, Ephesians 2:14-18).
 - f. There will be no end to the greatness of his government and peace.
 - g. He will reign on David’s throne (Luke 1:32-33).
 - h. He will establish and uphold his kingdom with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

8. Was there a kingdom like this with this much hope ever in history? _____
Do we need the hope of these things in our life? _____
Have we seen the “great light” for ourselves? _____
