

Surprises of Christmas

1. Jesus the Messianic King will not only make things right for the poor, he will be _____.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:8-10; NIV)

2. Jesus the Messianic King will not only slay the wicked, he will _____ the wicked.

3. Jesus the Messianic King will not only save people, he will save _____.
Luke 2:28-32

Isaiah 11: 10 On that day, Jesse’s Root will be raised high, posted as a rallying banner for the peoples. The nations will all come to him. His headquarters will be glorious. (The Message)

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What are some common practices during the Advent season that build up anticipation for Christmas day?
2. Why is a sense of anticipation important for the Christian faith?
3. What kind of king is Jesus?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What are some common practices during the Advent season that build up anticipation for Christmas day?
3. Why is a sense of anticipation important for the Christian faith?
4. Read Isaiah 11:1-10. How would you explain that importance of Jesus being in the line of David to someone who doesn’t know the backstory of Christmas (note especially verse 1)?