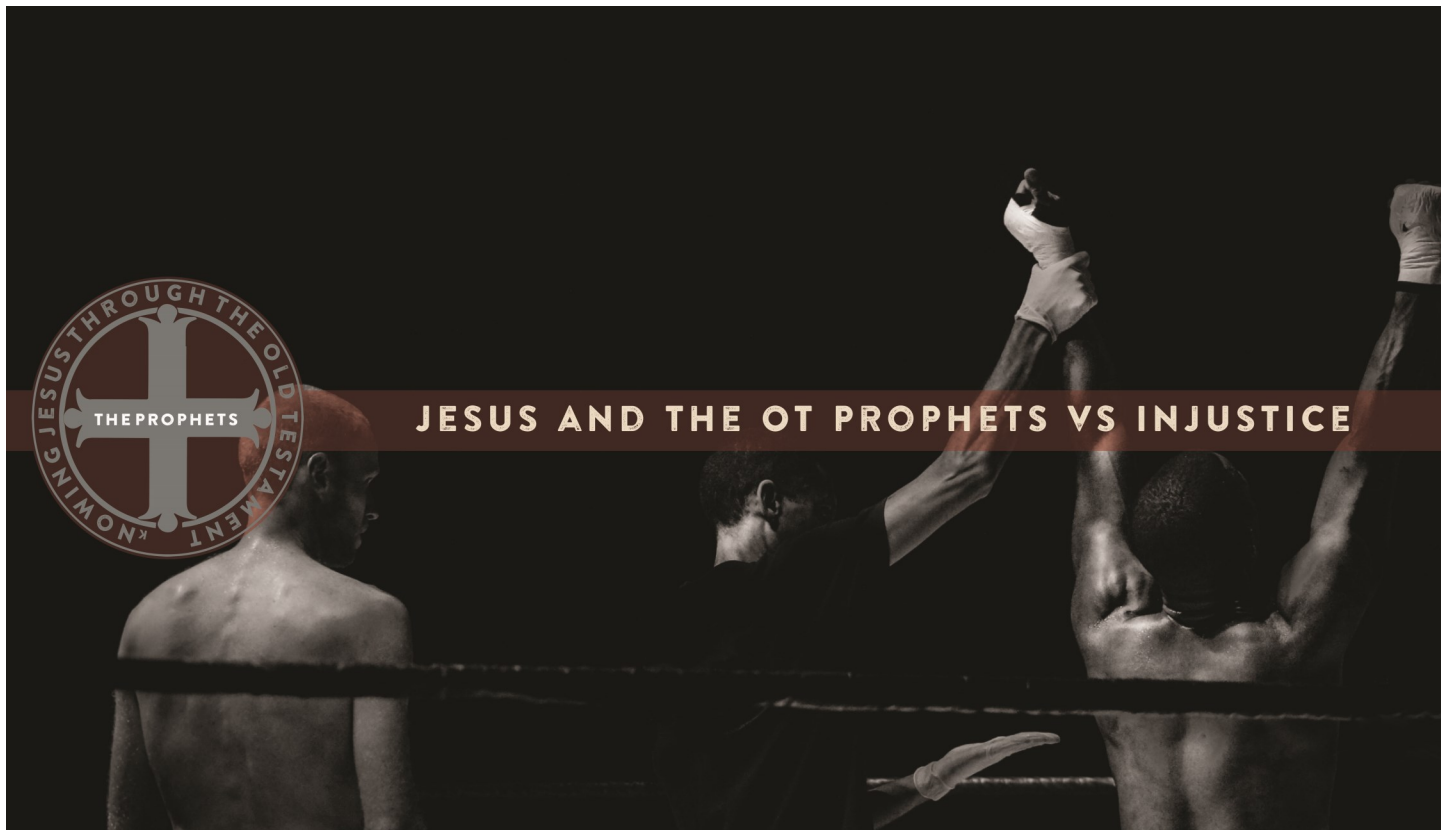




## JESUS AND THE OT PROPHETS VS INJUSTICE





*Missing a handout or answers from the Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament series?  
Needing another booklet to keep copies in? Resources are available on the table in the back of  
the sanctuary. Also check out the Podcast on Lakeland's website to hear past messages.*



## **UP-COMING MESSAGES: *KNOWING JESUS THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT***

**NOV. 19—OLD TESTAMENT ISSUE #3: PREDICTIONS VS PROMISES:** Have you ever noticed Old Testaments quotes in the New Testament that seem to be taken out of context? In this message we teach a powerful Bible study tool that will bring great clarity as you see how Jesus' himself used the Old Testament in is own teaching.

## **FOUR-PART SERIES: WHO IS THIS MAN?**

**NOV. 26—THIS IS MY BELOVED SON:** We begin the Christmas season at the baptism of Jesus where the voice of God declares "this is my beloved son." But did you know this is an Old Testament quotation that means so much more than the mere familial relationship between God and Jesus?!

**DEC. 3 — I AM:** In this message Jesus quotes the Old Testament and says, "Before Abraham was, I am." When we uncover the Old Testament meaning of that name, we gain an entirely new understanding of Jesus.

**DEC. 10 — THE SUFFERING SERVANT:** We look to so many powers to save the world: politics, protest, media, fact checking, law enforcement, and go-fund-me. In our third message of the Christmas Season, Jesus reveals to us the one real thing that actually changes the world. The answer will surprise you.

**DEC. 17—THE SON OF MAN:** Jesus called himself (constantly) The Son of Man. But what did that really mean? When people heard it, what did it mean to them. And what should it mean to us?

**AT THE WELL (WOMEN'S MINISTRY) BUNCO NIGHT:** Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m. in the Youth Room. Bunco is a simple dice game. Bring your female friends and neighbors, a snack or dessert to share. Email Crystal Belt at crystalbelt@gmail.com if you are coming.

**HOPE CENTER THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Lakeland is providing and serving the Thanksgiving meal for the Hope Center's Leaders in Training. Our Freshmen girls group is undertaking this for the first time. Please support them with monetary and item donations. Visit the table in the lobby or donate via Lakeland Connect or the App. Donations needed by Nov. 15. For more information contact Matt Settle at msettle@brunson.us.

**NEWCOMERS BRUNCH:** Are you new to Lakeland or know someone who is? Would you like to learn more about our church culture and how to get more involved? Join Pastor Marta for Newcomers Brunch on Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m. in the conference room for brunch, conversation and to meet other new people at Lakeland.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Come and help prepare Lakeland for Advent with your church family on Monday, Nov. 20, 6-9 p.m. You can bring your dinner and/or a snack/sweet to share with others.

**ANAPRA REDEMPITIVE COMMUNITY WINTER NEEDS DRIVE:** Donation of winter hygiene items as well as cash donations for larger items such as space heaters are needed for Christmas baskets that will go to our neighbors across the border. See the table in the lobby at Hanging of the Greens and on Sunday, Nov 26 and Dec 3 or contact Katie Schultz at kschultz14@gmail.com

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday, Dec. 3 after 2nd service. Come and hear the exciting things happening at Lakeland. All Fully Participating Members are encouraged to attend to vote on the 2018 budget.

**LAKELAND COFFEE MUGS:** On sale at the coffee bar: \$6 per mug or 2 for \$10. Makes a great Christmas gift!

## JESUS AND THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS VERSUS INJUSTICE

From the prophet Isaiah:

Stop bringing me your meaningless gifts; the incense of your offering disgusts me!" - Isaiah 1:13

"Wash yourselves and be clean! Get your sins out of my sight. Give up your evil ways." - Isaiah 1:16

"Learn to do good." - Isaiah 1:17

If you really want to worship God, take care of justice, the oppressed, orphans, widows.

Jesus begins his ministry reading the scroll of Isaiah, which says "the oppressed will be set free." Jesus finishes by saying "The scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day." - Luke 4:21

When you have power, use it well.

Scriptures do not tell us how to vote. They do say, when you have the power (including the power to vote) use it well.

Scriptures say, when we have an opportunity to do good, including the opportunity to protest against evil, use the techniques of the masters, especially the master Jesus.

Scripture doesn't give us permission to attack people on social media. It does say when you have opportunity to use your power — the power of your voice — to change real things for real people, use it well.

When you have any kind of power or advantage, use it as Jesus would.

When you have the power, stand up for what is right.

When you have the opportunity to do good take it!

## Reflection

Everyone has some extent of "power."

Employer/employees have power to change negativity language / culture into more positive, more productive work environment. Students have power to sit with the lonely, quiet student or smile and say "hi."

What power do you have? (Think for a minute, because you **DO** have power.)

How is God calling you to use your power this week?

Homework: Watch SNL's Thank You, Scott.

November 12, 2017



**Bible Reading Track:**

Amos 5-6; Joel 2; Hos 1-4; 2 Kings 17; 2 Chr 14-16, 32, 34



**CHRISTIANITY:** Jesus' story makes all the pieces fit:

The origin of the universe.

The amazing power of love.

The problem of evil and how it will be solved.

*Atheist:* we're just animals passing on genes.

*Buddhist & Hindu:* we're illusions waiting to be reabsorbed into the universe.

*Witchcraft:* spells and chants to create our own god to take care of us.

*Judaism:* following a strict Code of Laws.

*Islam:* we're so dirty, God can't be among us.

Jesus is saying ... ***I love you and I can treat you better than that!***

## Reflection

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*Homework: Watch SNL's Thank You, Scott.*

