



PREDICTIONS VS PROMISES



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* 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?

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

DEC. 24 —THIS FULFILLS WHAT WAS WRITTEN: Join us Dec. 24 (2:30p.m. or 4p.m.) as we celebrate the birth of Christ and finish our *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament* series by examining the Old Testament prophecies, promises, and passages Jesus fulfills!

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Come prepare the church for Advent with your church family on Monday, Nov. 20 at 6pm. People often bring their own dinner to eat and enjoy fellowship before getting started. Feel free to bring a snack/sweet to share with others.

ANAPRA REDEMPTIVE COMMUNITY WINTER NEEDS DRIVE: Donation of items such as Chapstick, Children's Tylenol and cough drops 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. All Fully Participating Members are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on the budget for the 2018 year. Come and hear the exciting things happening at Lakeland.

LAKELAND COFFEE MUGS: On sale at the coffee bar: \$6 per mug or 2 for \$10. Support Lakeland's ministries and get some awesome Christmas gifts!

WELCOMING THE STRANGER REFUGEE CHRISTMAS: Help support refugee soap makers start a new life. \$10 per bar of soap. Great stocking stuffers combined with a great cause! See table in the lobby Nov. 26-Dec. 17 or contact Marta Gillilan at martag.lakeland@gmail.com

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.

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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!***

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