A Child Is Born

(Christmas message from Isaiah)

Isaiah 1:1-66:24

Key Verse: 9:6

1. Read 2:3-5. What was God’s vision for his people shown to Isaiah? How is this vision related to the coming of the Messiah? (Lk 1:78-79, Jn 14:6) Who would be the forerunner for the Messiah? (Is 40:3)
2. Read 7:10-14. What was Israel’s situation at that time? How and why does a baby become the sign of God? What does the word ‘Immanuel’ mean? (Mt 1:23)
3. Read 9:6-7. How does Isaiah describe the coming Messiah? (6) Explain the meaning of each word. Read 11:1-2. What does it mean that the Messiah would come from a descendant of Jesse? (2 Sa 7:13,16, Mt 1:1, Lk 1:32)
4. Read 35:4-7, 53:1-12, 61:1-2. How do these verses teach about the character and role of the Messiah? Read 65:17. How does this promise give us the vision of God?