



ADVENT | ISAIAH 7:1-14

PRIMARY SCRIPTURES:

- Isaiah 7:1-14
- Matthew 1:22-23
- Genesis 3:1

MAIN IDEA:

Isaiah 7 speaks of Jesus as the fulfillment of all prophecy *and* God become man for our redemption. However, there is a danger to only reading this passage as messianic prophecy. We can easily forget that Isaiah was speaking to the immediate historical moment when YHWH invited King Ahaz to trust Him in the face of fear. The name “Immanuel—God with us” reveals God’s desire to provide for His people as an expression of His unchanging faithfulness. Ahaz *struggled* and *failed* to trust despite God’s proven faithfulness. This passage teaches us that God is moved by our trust in His character, and that doubt undermines our ability to receive of His leadership, protection and provision.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Before this Advent teaching, how familiar were you with the story of King Ahaz?
- What circumstances in your life tempt you to fear instead of trusting in God’s promises?
- In what areas are you allowing your feelings to outweigh what God has spoken—through His Voice and through the Scriptures?
- How have you experienced the proof of God’s faithfulness in your life?