

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. — Isaiah 11:1

LOST & FOUND

I. NEW BIRTH

- A shoot will arise from the (almost) decimated line of Jesse, father to King David.
- The combined forces of Assyria and Babylon had worked to virtually destroy Israel and Judah, but a remnant remained (Isa. 10:20-23; cf. 6:11-13).
- God had promised King David an eternal line to his kingdom. We see him bringing forth the continuation of that promise here (2 Sam. 7:12-17).
- The “shoot” and “branch” from Jesse is a person, not a thing. He is the coming Messiah (Jer. 23:5-6; Rom. 15:12).
- All this was necessary due to the failure of Israel’s “shepherds” over many centuries (Jer. 23:1-4; Ezek. 34:2-4).

II. THE CHARACTER OF MESSIAH

- The Spirit of the Lord rests on him, and six giftings inspired by the Holy Spirit characterize him:
 - *The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.
 - *The Spirit of counsel and might.
 - *The Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- These spiritual giftings will cause him to:
 1. Delight in the fear of the Lord.
 2. Judge not by sight, nor decide disputes by hearing.
 3. Judge righteously on behalf of the poor.
 4. Decide with equity for the meek.
 5. Strike the earth in judgment.
 6. Kill the wicked with the breath of his lips.
- Righteousness and faithfulness gird him up (Vs. 5).
- This chosen servant of God is upheld by the Father, and he in turn upholds us (Isa. 42:1-4; Matt. 12:15-21).

The Stump of Jesse
Isaiah 11:1-5
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KNOW: The shepherds of Israel failed in their task. Their corruption and self-serving ways were virtually universal, and left Israel in tatters. God promised to correct that scourge on his people with a future shepherd from the line of David, via his father Jesse. A man of faithfulness, integrity, wisdom and knowledge. He will heal, and he will scourge.

DO: Rejoice in the fulfilled promise of God. Seek justice, mercy and correction from Jesus, the Servant of the Lord.

Suggested Reading:

God's Big Picture: Tracing the Storyline of the Bible by Vaughan Roberts
(Available in the LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

The True King by Nancy Guthrie
(Available in the LifePoint Kid's Library)

Next Week's Preaching Text: Romans 15:8-13

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Isaiah 11:1-5

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus came from a "stump"—from what looked dead and hopeless? How does this shape your understanding of God's ability to work in problematic situations?
2. Isaiah lists six attributes of the Spirit that rest on Jesus. Which of these do you need most in your life right now?
3. What does the judgment that Jesus brings to this world look like?
4. Jesus is called "the Branch" who bears fruit. What kind of fruit is your life producing? Are there areas where you need God's help to grow spiritually?
5. How has God brought new birth to you through Jesus? What has that meant for you?