



## The one who was prophesied

### Luke 1:26-38 and Isaiah 9 – Leaders version

#### For a one hour study, just do the starred \* questions

**Check in** – with the group sitting in a semi-circle go round and ask everyone, including leaders, how they are and how they're feeling about studying the Bible today.

#### What does the passage say and mean?

45 minutes

Read Luke 1:26-38

1. **SHOUT-OUT** A lot of details are included in this small passage. List as many as you can.

*List them on the flip-chart, keeping the list on the left-hand side under the heading 'Luke 1:26-38'. Make sure you get them all. Nazareth, Galilee, virgin, Joseph, David, etc.*

Explain: Today we are going to investigate some of the prophecies (things that God said would happen in the future) about the Messiah and see how they are fulfilled in this passage.

2. Read Luke 1:26 and Isaiah 9:1. What do you see?

*Write Isaiah's prophecy 'God will honour Galilee, Isaiah 9:1' on the right-hand side of the flip-chart, next to 'Nazareth / Galilee' in a column titled 'OT prophecy'.*

3. Read Luke 1:27&32-33, 2 Samuel 7:11b-13 and Isaiah 9:7. What prophecies from God are fulfilled in Luke 1?

*God told king David in 2 Samuel that He would establish a house (royal line) through David. This does refer to David's actual children, but as you read on in v13 it becomes apparent that this isn't just about them. It's about the One to come, whose House is for God's Name, and whose throne and kingdom will last for ever.*

*Isaiah 9 also says that the One to come will reign on David's throne, reigning justly and righteously for ever.*

*Mary is told in Luke 1:32 that her son will be called the Son of the Most High (i.e. Son of God), God will give him the throne of David and his kingdom will never end. Joseph is a descendant of David, v27.*

*Write 'David's greatest Son, Kingdom, Throne, For Ever, Isaiah 9:7' on the flip-chart.*

4. Read Luke 1:31 and Isaiah 7:14. What does Isaiah say will happen, as a sign to the people? How is this fulfilled?

*The virgin will conceive and bear a son and call him Immanuel (meaning 'God with us'). Mary is a virgin, Luke 1:27, who conceives and bears a son. Jesus is sometimes called Immanuel, as he is, quite literally, God with us.*

*Write 'virgin birth, Isaiah 7:14' on the flip-chart next to 'virgin Mary'.*

5. Read Luke 1:35. How is the child described to Mary and what will he be called?

*He is described as 'the holy one'. The angel is telling Mary that this is no ordinary child – he is not 'special', he is holy. He will be called the Son of God – this is not just a title, it's His identity.*

6. Read Isaiah 9:6. What names will be given to the child that Isaiah prophesies about and what do you think they mean?

*Wonderful Counsellor – he is wise and discerning*

*Mighty God – he is God. (Write 'Jesus is God' next to 'Son of God' on the flip-chart)*

*Everlasting Father – he is eternal and is our true Father (NB poor human parenting doesn't reflect God's Fatherhood)*

*Prince of Peace – he is royal and he brings peace*

7. Now read Isaiah 9:1-7, a prophecy about Jesus. What else do you learn about him?

8. Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. What advantage do we have today over the prophets who spoke about Jesus hundreds of years before his death?

*We have the whole picture – we have heard the gospel, and can see that the prophecies were about Jesus. The prophets only knew that the prophecies were about 'the One to come', they didn't know Jesus. We can know Jesus. Verse 12 says that the angels long to look into these things – we are offered a gift that not even the angels are offered. The question for us is, do we repent and believe, now that we have all the information?*

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*(You may need to recap the gospel)*

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