

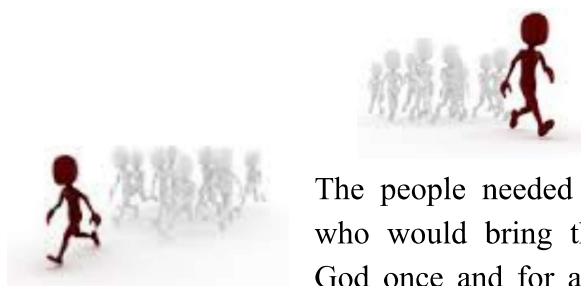
(Isaiah 53:1-12; 9:6-7)

*The people in God's kingdom continue to disobey Him and be separated from Him, but God wants His people back. He sends them warnings and messages of hope. In this message of hope, He promised them that He will send a perfect King from David's dynasty – an unexpected one – one that will pay for the disobedience of all people through His death. Then, this King will be given honour and glory, and His kingdom will last forever.*

## Introduction

David was king, and his descendants continued to rule from his throne through the years.

Some kings led the people to God, and some led the people away from God.



The people needed a king who would bring them to God once and for all. God

sent His prophet Isaiah to give the people a message of hope of a Promised King.

## The King's Life

He will have nothing beautiful or majestic about Him.

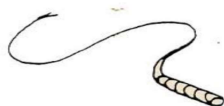
He will be rejected and despised.



We will think His troubles are because of His own wrongdoing.

## The King's Death

God will lay our disobedience on the King.



The King will be beaten and whipped.



He will have an unjust trial, be executed and be buried like a criminal.

## The King's Return to Life

God will give Him life again.



*And because of what the King did, He will make it possible for us to have a right relationship with God and have a full life.*

## The King's Reign

God will give Him the honours of one who is mighty and great. The King will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of David forever. The King's reign and its peace will never end. He will be called



## Weekly Meditation and Reflection

Below are some questions and further reading if you would like some extra food for thought on this story. Some may find it helpful to journal the answers, and others may simply want to read and pray through them.

1. The David stories remind us that despite the promises God gives us, despite His love for us, we need a Saviour – a Saviour from our own wrongdoings and a Saviour for all the things gone wrong in the world. This story describes God’s rescue plan – and it involves a great King! Meditate on the names of Jesus found in Isaiah 9:6-7. Draw them, sing them, write them or describe what each name means to you.
2. This story seems to clearly describe Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. However, when Jesus came, only a few recognized Him as the King. He makes it possible to have a right relationship with God and have a full life, but so many through the ages have not recognised Him or have not chosen to follow Him. Have you? Do you really believe that He’s your King? Do you really believe that He has given you a right relationship with God? A full life? Do you really believe that the government rests on His shoulders? Ask Him to help you believe even more!

3. Read the following passages in light of this story, and ask God to reveal Himself to you through His Word. If you like writing, try writing down what God says to you about these passages.

- a. John 12:37-50
- b. John 1:10-14
- c. Philippians 2:5-11
- d. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- e. 1 Peter 2:24
- f. Colossians 1:19-23
- g. John 10:17-18