

CHRISTMESS

God breaks into our mess and makes
it His message





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Mr Jolliffe said the ad had succeeded in getting people to speak of Christ.

“(The first Christmas) was shocking and messy and complicated for everyone involved — like so many of our Christmases,” he said.”

“Despite the mess, here was the miracle: God had come to save his people from their sins.”



Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



Isaiah

- Over 700 years before Christ
- Doom, judgment, destruction, impending defeat.
- THEN IMMANUEL in the midst of all this we hear about a root of Jesse who will rise up, about one who will be seated on David's throne, about hope in the midst of despair.
- About a child who will be born



Isaiah 8

- A child is born to Isaiah
- Is 8 – Maher Shalal Hash Baz
- Hurry to the spoils



Unto Us

- You and me
- **Is 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
- To us...



A Child is Born

- Not a Gideon-like, mighty, war winning, deliverer style messiah... A baby
- Born – God takes on human flesh with all it's weakness and limitation



Counsellor

- Thankfully not Councilor!
- What do we look for in a counsellor?
- The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus as our counsellor
- He is the finest listening, but he is our advisor, consultant!
- ... the Lord of hosts; he is wonderful in counsel and excellent in wisdom (Is 28:29)



Prince of Peace

- Of Shalom (fullness, prosperity, wholeness)
- He is our 'Captain of Completeness'



Christ in You the Hope of Glory

- Whatever your life looks like today...
- Invite Christ into the centre of your story
- The Holy Spirit overcame Mary in the midst of a humble, messy situation and it made a way for the salvation of all mankind
- As You allow Christ to be born in you, who knows what impact He can have in and through you!!!



**O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter
in. Be born to us today.**

