

Sermon Outline for FBC Dec.01, 2019

“What Child is This? Mary’s viewpoint”

Today the message is entitled “What Child is This? Mary’s viewpoint!” This week is the advent candle of hope! We are going to look at how Mary handled this life of Jesus that God gave her to love and raise. We will see the hope that Mary had before and after Jesus was born. The same hope we can have too.

The advent video we watched spoke of this hope. It should give us freedom to move forward and not get bogged down in despair and doubt.

The video of Mary talking gave us a different viewpoint of the story of Jesus. Mary discussed being thirsty for more knowledge of God and how her son, Jesus, was the water to drink. She had hope that he was the source of eternal life.

First, let us look at the hope that Mary had before the coming of her son, Jesus. All her life, she had been taught that the Messiah was coming. This had been prophesied by the prophets many centuries before, and the people waited and hoped, expectantly.

Isaiah 11: 1-5 NIV

- 1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—*
- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;*
- 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.*
- 5 Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.*

Isaiah spent a lot of time talking about the coming Messiah. He tells us what family line the Messiah will come from and what the Messiah will do.

Isaiah 9: 6-7 NIV

*6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.*

Even the Psalmists talked about God in the same way that others did of the coming Messiah.

Psalm 62: 5-8 NIV

*5 Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;
my hope comes from him.
6 He alone is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
7 My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
8 Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.*

Isaiah even gave a more direct item to watch for in the coming Messiah. Mary did not grow up knowing this was talking about herself.

Isaiah 7: 14 NIV

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

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