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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

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## CHAPTERS 40-66

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### Lesson 10: Isaiah 60:1-61:11 - Who is Jesus?

#### Introduction

C.S. Lewis, a renowned Christian apologist and author, asserted that a person cannot simply ignore Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus' claims are too large. His significance is too big. A responsible resident of planet earth needs to at least consider the question, who is Jesus? This argument is called the 'trilemma.' Today, I will add a fourth option, as others have. Who is Jesus?

Legend?

Liar?

Lunatic?

Lord?

#### Lesson Goal: To see from this Old Testament prophecy that Jesus is the Lord

#### He is the Savior of all. (60:1-22)

The end of Zechariah's Song, specifically Luke 1:78-79, is reminiscent of what is said in Isaiah 60:1-2. Considering both sections of Scripture, and John 1:1-14, let's address the following questions.

Who is the dawning light?

Upon whom is the light dawning?

In what darkness are they?

Nations and kings are brought into the salvation of Jesus. We see the fulfillment of this passage in Revelation 21:24. Can you think of kings who have bowed to Jesus, the King of Kings?

Read verse 6 and consider Matthew 2:11. How was this prophecy fulfilled?

Epiphany is a church festival that does not get the attention that it deserves. Why should the celebration of the festival of Epiphany be important to us?

Why are the ships of Tarshish mentioned here? (vv. 8-9)

The end of this section is closely connected to the picture of the beauty of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21:21-27.

### **He is the Anointed One. (61:1-3)**

Let's read Luke 4:16-21. When Jesus read this section of Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth, what did he say regarding it?

How does Jesus, the Anointed One, do all of these things? (Pick two and consider with a partner.)

- bind up the brokenhearted
- proclaim freedom for the captives and release for those who are bound
- proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance for our God
- comfort all who mourn
- provide for those who mourn in Zion
- give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes

Notes:

### **He is the Mediator. (61:4-11)**

Previously, those who served God's people were only Israelites from a certain tribe, Levi. Now, strangers would serve in this function. What does this show us about the privilege there is for people as Jesus restored the relationship between God and mankind? (vv. 5-6)

Because of our sins, we deserve to stand in shame and dishonor before God. In Christ Jesus, how do we now stand before God? (v. 7)

What is the garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness? (61:10)

From where did this garment come?

### **Conclusion**

Based on the testimony of Isaiah 60-61, and all of Scripture, who would you say Jesus is? \_\_\_\_\_