



# Son of Man, Sent by God



A SERIES FOR ADVENT



# Peace in the Midst of Humanity

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*Peace on  
Earth*



A night sky with a bright starburst in the center, casting rays of light. The sky is a mix of dark blue, purple, and orange. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of people sitting on a hill, looking up at the star. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of the Christmas story.

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# Why is there such a connection between Christmastime and Peace?

Two passages in particular...

## Luke 2:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

## Isaiah 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

## Isaiah 9:1-6

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

## Isaiah 9:1-6

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Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 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.

**We hold tightly to  
these promises!**

**But what do they mean?**

The birth of Jesus brought  
three “kinds” of peace...

1. Peace to everyone and everything  
that Jesus interacted with.

2. Peace to those on whom  
God's favor rests.

3. The promise of a government over which  
Jesus will rule as the Prince of Peace.

# 1. Peace to everyone and everything that Jesus interacted with.

- Jesus calmed the raging storms. (Mark 4)
- Jesus brought sight to the blind. (John 9)
- Jesus raised the dead. (Matthew 9)
- Jesus embraced the outcast. (Luke 19)

1. Peace to everyone and everything  
that Jesus interacted with.

Jesus was meek.

*(Quiet. Gentle. Showing patient restraint.)*

He lived a life of peace.

1. Peace to everyone and everything  
that Jesus interacted with.

*“Blessed are the meek, for they will  
inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5)*

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for  
they will be called children of God.”  
(Matthew 5:9)*

2. Jesus brought peace  
to those on whom God's  
favor rests.

**“Jesus came to restore not just peace as we understand a cessation of hostility, but a rich, full, abiding harmony of life. His first coming began this process of restoring peace between us and God.”**

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**The peace of Christ begins with us.**

**Right here. Right now.**

**For everyone who follows Him.**

- **We never have to work to earn God's love.**
- **We don't have to worry. Seek Jesus first.**
- **We can remain calm in the face of trials.**

John 16:33

"I have told you these things,  
so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome  
the world."

## 2 Thessalonians 3:16

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”

Isaiah 26:3-4 (NLT)

“You will keep in perfect peace  
all who trust in you, all whose  
thoughts are fixed on you!  
Trust in the Lord always, for the  
Lord God is the eternal Rock.”

3. Jesus brings the  
promise of a government  
over which He will reign  
as the Prince of Peace.

This is our hope.

It is not our  
present reality.

## Isaiah 9:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. 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.

## Isaiah 9:5-7

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness 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.

This is the Messianic Kingdom.  
Jesus is returning to this earth.  
When He does, He will vanquish  
all earthly kingdoms, and will  
establish a kingdom of peace.

**Malachi 4:2 ESV**

**“But for you who fear my name,  
the sun of righteousness shall rise  
with healing in its wings.”**

**Jesus will rule the nations  
with justice and peace.**

**And until then...**

We wait. We hope.  
We rely on the Holy Spirit.  
We live with meekness,  
and make peace  
to the best of our ability.

*"In the here and now, Lord Jesus, fills me with Your peace and help me to bring peace in all my interactions. Where there is worry, bring a reassurance of Your provision. Where there is strife, bring to mind Your humility. Where there is bickering, bring to our hearts Your love. Be our peace."*

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