

Sermon Handout

Jesus Through Prophetic Eyes

Isaiah 9:1-7

I. The Setting of Isaiah's Prophecy vv. 1-2

- a. Galilee of the "nations" v. 1 (= Gentiles *cf.* Mt 4:15)
 - i. Zebulon & Naphtali – the two northernmost tribes
 - ii. Sea coast "beyond Jordan" – the source of the Jordan River
- b. The Sea of Galilee (actually a fresh water lake)
 - i. Originally Chinnereth Numb 34:11; Dt 3:17; Josh 12:3; 13:27
 - ii. Sea of Galilee Mk 1:16; 3:7; 7:31; Mt 4:18; 15:29; Jn 6:1
- c. Galilee (Heb: circle): most of Naphtali & Zebulon comprised Galilee
Early on, infiltrated by heathen, hence "circle of nations"
- d. The Light first shines on the people in darkness (Galilee) v. 2
Mt 4:12-16 – Jesus begins his ministry in Capernaum (v. 17)
Thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy vv. 14-16

II. Isaiah's Announcement of the Divine Incarnation v. 6

- a. Unto us a child is born - emphasis on the humanity of Jesus
Def. of Chalcedon:
"truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body"
"of one substance with us as regards his manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin"
- b. Unto us a son is given – emphasis on his Divinity
Def. of Chalcedon:
"truly God" and "of one substance with the Father as regards his Godhead"

III. Isaiah Prophesized the Effect of the Incarnation

- a. The yoke of oppression will be broken v. 4
Primarily the burden of rebellion and sin
Is 53:4-6, 11; Lk 2:8-11; Mt 1:20-21; Rom 5:8
- b. The weapons of the enemy will be destroyed by Jesus v. 5
Heb 2:14-15; I Cor 15:20-26; Rev 19:11-16; Rom 16:20; II Cor 10:4-6
- c. The King who liberates will be appointed vv. 6-7
A reign of peace Rom 5:1; Rev 19:1-6

IV. Let us Therefore Rejoice in the Salvation of our God Rev 19:7-9