

# PEACE

## GOD: THE GIVER OF PEACE

*“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace...”* Isaiah 9:6-7

### Old Testament: Shalom - שָׁלוֹם (completeness, soundness, welfare, peace) - 209x

- “You will know that your tent is secure, for you will visit your abode and fear no loss.” (Job 5:24)
- “Bring also these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of *their* thousand, and look into the welfare of your brothers...” (1 Samuel 17:22)
- “Now three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar which he built to the Lord...so he finished the house.” (1 Kings 9:25)
- “If what he stole is actually found alive in his possession...he shall pay double.” (Exodus 22:4)
- “When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.” (Proverbs 16:7)

### New Testament: Eirene - εἰρήνη (peace, harmony, tranquility) - 90x

- “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” (Luke 2:14)
- “For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross...” (Colossians 1:19-20)
- “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace.” (John 16:33)
- “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1) (see also Romans 5:10; 8:7)

## Two Descriptions. Two Kings?

### Suffering Messiah: Moshiach ben Yosef

Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)  
Enters on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9)  
Gives hope (Isaiah 61:1-2a; 11:1-3; 49:6)  
Suffering + Rejection (Isaiah 53:2-6; Psalm 118:22)  
Atoning death (Daniel 9:26; Psalm 22:14-18; Isaiah 53:7-9)

### Victorious Messiah: Moshiach ben David

Arriving in the clouds (Daniel 7:13)  
Brings judgment (Isaiah 11:4-5; 61:2)  
Victory over enemies (Zechariah 14:1-9; Isaiah 11:6-9; Ezekiel 31:24)  
Eternal reign (Daniel 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7)  
Royal King (Psalm 2)

## The Once + Future King

**Scripture describes one Messiah, a great King Who was to come twice, first as servant, then as conqueror**

- “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.” (Luke 2:14)
- “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” (John 14:27)
- “For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one* and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall...so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near...” (Ephesians 2:14-17)

## Digging Deeper:

The book of Zechariah contains many Messianic prophecies that, when viewed alongside New Testament passages, seem to point to Jesus. Read through these passages this week, both by yourself and with your LifeGroup. Talk through what are some of the prophecies concerning Jesus that have been most faith-building in your own life.

PROPHECY	IN THE OLD TESTAMENT	WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS
The Messiah would be seen as King	<b>Zechariah 9:9</b> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout <i>in triumph</i> , O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.	<b>Matthew 21:6-9</b> The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"
The Messiah would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver	<b>Zechariah 11:12-13</b> I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty <i>shekels</i> of silver as my wages <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter, <i>that</i> magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty <i>shekels</i> of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the Lord.	<b>Matthew 26:14-15</b> Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.
The Messiah's body would be pierced	<b>Zechariah 12:10</b> "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn."	<b>John 19:34-37</b> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."
It was God's will that the Messiah would die for all humanity	<b>Zechariah 13:7</b> "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the man, My Associate," Declares the Lord of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd that the sheep may be scattered; and I will turn My hand against the little ones.	<b>John 18:11</b> So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"
The Messiah would bring salvation	<b>Zechariah 9:9</b> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout <i>in triumph</i> , O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.	<b>Luke 19:10</b> "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## Next Steps:

1. **Place your faith in Jesus Christ today as your Savior and Lord.** Use "The Way" card located in the seat rack in front of you to guide you in making this important decision. [calvarylife.org/jesus](http://calvarylife.org/jesus)
2. **Pick up a "12 Ways to Serve Orange County this Christmas"** in the Worship Center Lobby to discover ways you can share hope with others this Advent/Christmas season. [calvarylife.org/reach](http://calvarylife.org/reach)



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