

A Christmas for the Ages: The Christmas That Will Be
Isaiah 11:1-12

Introduction: *Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-12*

Do not be disappointed by these false hopes:

I. Hope in _____ - _____
John 5:39-40; Galatians 3:10, 19-24

Pharisees hoped for a prophet-messiah who would reinforce keeping the Law as the means for salvation.

II. Hope in _____

Sadducees hoped for a priestly messiah who would deliver Israel through appeasement with Rome. They trusted in cultural and religious institutions for salvation.

III. Hope in _____

Zealots hope for a warrior-messiah who would use military might to overthrow Rome and restore the Kingdom to Israel. They trusted in their strength and strategies for deliverance.

Conclusion:

Israel's hope for the Christmas that would be was misplaced and shortsighted. Jesus was a different kind of Messiah—He was better than they ever hoped! *Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 9:12*