**What is it about Jesus? The promised Messiah**

We finished David Langford’s study of the Influential Christ. Our study for the next two weeks will examine the Christ through another perspective. In this study we will examine several Messianic prophecies to see what set Jesus apart from all previous prophets.

Which of the descriptions of Jesus from David Langford do you find particularly comforting? Why?

**Read Isaiah 61:1-3**

How does Isaiah describe the mission of the one the Lord anointed?

How does Isaiah describe the people that the anointed one would reach in his ministry?

According to the Serendipity Study Bible Isaiah’s five area of Jesus’ mission are:

1. Preaching the Gospel
2. Helping people being free to live for God
3. Performing acts of mercy
4. Working for fairness and justice
5. Explaining God’s grace to dishearten people

Do you think Jesus expects his church to continue his mission in these areas?

Which one of the areas tends to be your priority?

Which one do you tend to neglect?

Tell a Jesus story that illustrates one of the areas of mission.

**Read Isaiah 42:1-7**

What are some of the commonalities between Isaiah 61 and this passage?

What is meant by the bruised reed and smoldering wick?

Do you see a relationship between the wick and the red and Langford’s persistent patience?

How does Isaiah describe the servant’s relationship to the Lord the creator of the heavens?

How did Jesus’ understanding of His relationship to God empower Him to complete His mission?

**Read Isaiah 9:6-7**

What seems to be the dominant role for the Messiah in this prophecy?

Many of Jesus’ day was expecting a warrior king like David to restore Israel to it splendor under David and Solomon. What elements of this prophecy speaks to that idea?

Did Jesus fulfill this prophecy?

Jesus is presented as a gentle servant, Mighty God, and a king on David’s throne in prophecy.

When you think of Jesus which of the three descriptions usually comes to mind?

What does it mean to you to say King Jesus?