



**THE CHRISTMAS GIFT OF  
WISDOM**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 6, 2015**

**John 13:30** As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

**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."

**Isaiah 9:1** 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 Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned...6 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.

7 Of the increase 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.

# **1. AFTER SAN BERNADINO, WHAT'S NEXT...**

**A prophetic word for troubled times...**

- **A threat – Isaiah 7:1**
- **A word – 7:5-6**
- **A sign – 7:14**

- Judgment – 7:15-17
- Why?? – 8:5-8
- Get ready – 8:11-20
- Nevertheless – 9:1-2, 6-7

# This year, all we need for Christmas is...

## 1. WONDER

**Isaiah 28:29** All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom.

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



**Luke 1:31** The angel said to Mary, "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

**Luke 1:37** For nothing is impossible with God."

*“Here we are at the deepest theological question of Biblical faith – is the God of faith contained within and informed by what the world (assumes) to be possible? Or, is it within the capacity of God to create a newness that defies the categories of the “possible” that are commonly and reasonably accepted in the world?”*

**-Walter Brueggemann**

## 2. WISDOM

**Job 12:13** To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

**Psalm 1:1** Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord...

**Psalm 32:8** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

**John 14:16** Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--26...the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

### 3. WORSHIP

**Luke 1:29** Mary was greatly troubled at his words...46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

## 4. PATIENCE IN HOPE

**Isaiah 7:9** If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.

**Habakkuk 2:2** Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.