



**Series:** Waiting For God

**Sermon:** Part 1: Waiting For The Wrong Messiah

**Date:** Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

Many times, we are so fixated on how things have to turn out in our life that we don't \_\_\_\_\_ for God when it comes to any of our plans.

*“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. Of the greatness 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.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

*“Here is my Servant, Whom I uphold, My chosen One in Whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him and He will bring justice to the nations...He will not falter or be discouraged till He establishes justice on Earth...” (Isaiah 42:1,4)*

*Scriptures referenced in sermon: Matthew 2:8, 12-14, 16*

Jesus continually didn't seem to fit their expectations or their plans for the Messiah that they had waited so long for.

They wanted a Messiah that would help them deal with all their external oppression. But Jesus came with a different purpose and that was to deal with a bigger enemy, their \_\_\_\_\_ oppression.

*“See, My Servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at Him- His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and His form marred beyond human likeness— so He will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.” (Isaiah 52:13-15)*

*“Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a Man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:1-5)*

Anyone who is in Christ will experience ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.



*“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:6-7, 10-11)*

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to reconcile humanity back to Himself was prophesied by Isaiah hundreds of years before it actually happened.

*“...because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53:12)*

God can change our external circumstances, but if we are still in bondage \_\_\_\_\_, we will just be overcome by the next external oppression that we face.

Our own plans, wrong ideas, and perspective of God can keep us from the better things that He wants for us.

**Waiting For God:**

- 1. Slow down so we don’t miss what God is trying to do because we are so busy trying to do what we want to do**
- 2. Surrender our expectations and plans to God**
- 3. Know God’s Word for ourselves and study it with others**

**Bottom Line:** *What Messiah are you waiting on?*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

- 1. What plans are you making where you are not waiting for God?*
- 2. How often do you find yourself conforming God into your image rather than being conformed into His image?*
- 3. Why is it that only when we are saved from our internal oppression can we better deal with our external oppression?*

*Songs used in service: No Longer Slaves (Jonathan David & Melissa Helser), Chain Breaker (Zach Williams), Walking Free (Micah Tyler), Revelation Song (Kari Jobe), Build My Life (Pat Barrett)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**