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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Isaiah 11-12.
- B. Although not all things are subjected to God, we see Jesus.
- II. The Lord was predicted to appear in a very obscure way. Jesus was from humble beginnings.
- III. The one described had a Spirit-filled ministry.
 - A. The Spirit of the Lord.
 - B. The spirit of wisdom.
 - C. The spirit of understanding.
 - D. The spirit of counsel
 - E. The spirit of might.
 - F. The spirit of knowledge.
 - G. The spirit of the fear of the Lord.
- IV. These describe Jesus' ministry aptly.
 - A. He had great insight into the reality of things.
 - B. He had the spirit of counsel and might.
 - C. His spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord marked His special relationship with the Father.
- V. The Jews were confused about the Messiah's coming because the Old Testament pictures the two comings as one.
- VII. Jesus is the hope of this world.
- VIII. The cross of Jesus ruthlessly puts to death the old self.
 - A. One must recognize that he has a problem that must be dealt with first.
 - B. There is coming a time when Jesus will come and bring peace to all.
 - C. Creation will be released from its bondage.

- D. The believing remnant of Israel will be restored to the land, and they will overcome their enemies.
- E. The Lord will make the Gulf of Suez disappear among other geographical changes.
- F. What will be available to Israel in the future is already available to believers now through the Spirit—joy, peace, etc.

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to know that Jesus fulfills the prophesies about Him so well? Explanation in the control of the control
2. What stands out to you about how Isaiah pictures the work of Christ?
3. In what area of your life could you use joy and peace? Spend some time in prayer and meditation asking God to meet you in this area today.