

# Preparation & Even More

Personal Bible Study for the Weekend of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
(To Be Available Weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

## God Promises the Messiah

### Monday & Tuesday

#### 1. The Messiah Became One of Us – Read Isaiah 53:2-3

- *Review all the descriptions of the promised Messiah in Isaiah 53:2-3. Which one seems most remarkable to you? Why?*
- *How do we reject the Lord? Be specific and practical about the ways you reject Him.*

### Wednesday & Thursday

The following articles relate to this lesson and are contained in this packet for your reading. You do not have to read all these articles in one sitting, but intersperse them throughout the week's study.

- *The Early Church's Use of Messianic Passages*
- *"The Servant Songs in Isaiah"*

#### 2. The Messiah Suffered for Us – Read Isaiah 53:4-9

- *Why did you need a substitute?*
- *What does the fact that the only sinless person in history suffered a great injustice teach us about suffering in a fallen world?*
- *What are the consistent sins and struggles you have had in your life? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus took the punishment for them?*

### Friday & Saturday

#### 3. The Messiah Rescues Us – Read Isaiah 53:10-12

- *Is the death of the Servant the end of the story, according to Isaiah 53?*

- *How does it make you feel to know that Jesus intercedes and prays for you?*
- *Circumstances were dire. Sin held mankind hostage, bound beyond our ability to escape and isolated, seemingly, from the possibility of deliverance. The future held no hope of change or improvement. Then, as only He could, the Messiah rescued us. How do you express gratitude and appreciation to Jesus for rescuing you from such a certain lost fate?*

# **Pray for Pastor Jim's Message weekend of December 8th**