

# Foretold

## THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH

## PART 1

*The Ruling and Reigning King*

**READ ISAIAH 11:1-10**

### INTRODUCTION

In the Old Testament we often see Jesus being prophesied in the allegorical image of a branch. The branch is always raised up from the Rod of Jesse and oftentimes will be described in great detail. We see no difference in these verses regarding the branch that will be sprouted out of Jesse. We see that the Branch will have the Spirit of the Lord resting upon Him. (Luke 3:22, John 1:32) These verses directly fulfill this particular part of the prophecy concerning Jesus.

Jesus, in the days of His Kingdom, will reign with all righteousness and truth. There will be no quarrels and no strife. He is God from before time began. He does not judge by hearing testimony or witnesses. He judges by that thorough, total knowledge that He has of each of us. The Bible says that “everything is naked and revealed before Him with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:13). You can’t hide or cover a thing when you stand before the Lord. He looks right through you and He sees everything. In the book of Revelation we see that Jesus will rule with His Word and in righteousness He will judge. This shows us that He is the Ruler of all and that He will reign supreme throughout all eternity.

We do not see the world as God created it. We see the distorted, sinful world that lives after the desires of its own flesh. When we are praying to God that His will be done (Matthew 6:10) we are praying that His Kingdom be brought and that we would see His intentions realized. Our will no longer plays a part in anything but is put away, crucified, and we are to desire the things of God. He is the Branch that will spring from the root of Jesse and will rule over the world in a perfect Kingdom dedicated to Him and His glory.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. There are many passages in the Old Testament that mention Jesus Christ coming as a “Branch”. Why do you think God uses this image? What are some of the other ways the Old Testament describes Jesus?
2. Read Luke 3:22 and John 1:32. Why is it significant that the Spirit descended on Jesus? What did the Spirit coming upon Him imply? If it was important for Jesus to have the Spirit, do you think that it is important for us to ask for His Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
3. What are some of the things that we can look forward to when Jesus is the ruler of this world? What aspect of that Kingdom appeals to you the most? Why?
4. What does it mean to “judge by righteousness”? Why do you think it is important that Jesus doesn’t judge by what He sees or hears?
5. Do you truly pray for God’s will to be done? What does that mean to you? How can you change your thinking to be more aligned with His will and not your own? What are some practical ways to start living for the will of God here and now?

## WRAP UP

Jesus came in the form of an innocent child. He was raised in a rough world and lived a perfect life. He died and rose again on the third day. We are forgiven of our sins and saved if we confess and repent. That being said, Jesus is coming again to rule this world. He will be a righteous judge in that time and will not allow sin any longer. It is important that we are seen through the redemptive blood of Jesus and not turned away due to our sinful lives.