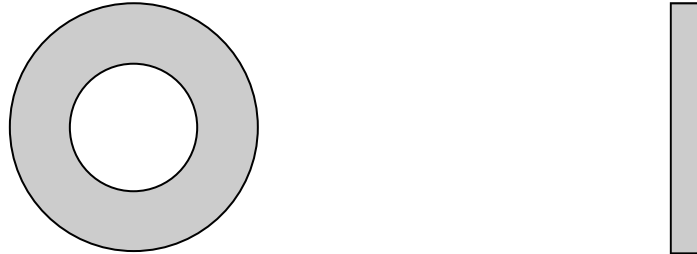


A New Hope

Isaiah 9:2-7

The Bible is a **Grand story** of God, with many parts.



“The prophets are God’s appointed **spokesmen**. They call Yahweh’s people back to their covenant roots, announcing both the curses and blessings for covenant disloyalty or loyalty.”
(Fee and Stuart, *How To... 2*)

The Prophet’s Message to God’s People:

“**You** belong to **God**... **God** does not belong to **You**.”

Hope is found in nothing less than an **act of God**. (Isaiah 9:2-7)

- People walking in darkness have seen a great **light**
- Shattered the **yoke** that burdens them
- o For to us a **Child is Born**
 - Wonderful Counselor
 - Everlasting Father
 - Mighty God
 - Prince of Peace

The Servant of the Lord **atones** for Israel’s sins. (Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

- Effective Ministry (Isaiah 52:13-15)
- Its Means (Isaiah 53:1-9)
- Divine Origin and Assessment (Isaiah 53:10-12)

The response of **Jesus** to Isaiah’s prophecy. (Luke 4:16-21)

- Jesus read the passage (Luke 4:16-19)
- Jesus declared that He was the fulfillment of the prophecy. (Luke 4:20-21)

What if we were the kind of community that **responded** with hope?