

"Prophetic Visions of The Coming King" Series Part 4 "Prophecy of the Prince of Peace" Ryan White/Family Pastor – December 15, 2019 Key Passage: Zechariah 9:9-12

"For to us a child is born... and his name shall be called... Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Prince of Peace has come—and his verdict?

We don't know the first thing about <u>peace</u>. We have no idea how to forge it in our life, our community, or our world. (Luke 19:42)

What is peace?

Peace is more than the absence of conflict. True peace is restoration to a state of completeness, wholeness, and well-being. (John 14:27)

How does this restoration take place?

Jesus himself is our peace. (Zec. 9:11; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 4:14-16)

- Through his humility and self-sacrifice, Jesus restored to wholeness the broken relationship between us messed up humans and our Creator when he died and rose from the dead.
- Jesus is the whole, complete human that we are made to be, but have failed to be. Now Jesus gives us his life as a gift.

Jesus invites us to experience his peace and extend it to others. What will this look like?

It will look like living like Jesus. (Phil. 2:1-8)

- HUMILITY
- PATIENCE
- BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE
- FORGIVING and SACRIFICING in order to seek reconciliation
- WORKING HARD to restore others, ourselves, and our communities to wholeness, completion, and well-being

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

