



2020
CHRISTMAS
Turn off the Darkness

MIGHTY GOD

[Isaiah 9:2, 6](#); [John 1:10-11](#); [Matthew 7:28](#); [Mark 4:41](#); [Romans 5:8-11](#); [Matthew 28:18-20](#)

SERMON SUMMARY....

Normally in December, we begin the process of looking back over the year that was and start looking forward to all that we hope will be in the coming year. Though we may be eager to jump into 2021, there is one crucial question we must answer about 2020: 'Did you experience Jesus as "Mighty God" in 2020?' While we all have much to say about 2020, it's probably safe to say that few of us are exclaiming, "*I experienced Jesus as Mighty God!*" In fact, when Jesus walked this earth, he was not recognized as Mighty God! Yet, 700+ years before Jesus arrived, the Prophet Isaiah, when speaking about the coming Messiah, said that He would be called 'Mighty God.' Why the disparity between the name/title given to Jesus and our experience of Jesus as 'Mighty God?' When we look to how Jesus displayed his might, we see his power and authority over all things, including our salvation

REFLECT...

Did you experience Jesus as "Mighty God" in 2020? If not, why do you think that might be? Why is there often a disparity between Jesus as "Mighty God" and our experience of Jesus as "Mighty God?"

BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Isaiah 9:6](#) – what imagery comes to mind when you hear that the coming Messiah would be "Mighty God?" If you were hearing that description in real time, would it encourage you or frighten you – or both?
2. Read [John 1:10-11](#) – if Jesus was and is the fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6, then why didn't anyone recognize Him? What is it about our understanding of "mighty" that does not correspond to how Jesus expressed himself?
3. What does it mean that 'Jesus is MIGHTY in His plans, not ours?' Read the following examples and discuss how Jesus was MIGHTY in His plans. Read [Matthew 7:28-29](#); [Mark 4:41](#); [Romans 5:8-11](#)
4. Read [Matthew 28:18-20](#) and discuss how living out His mission equates to seeing His Might amongst us. Invite people to share an example of when they got to experience Jesus as 'Mighty God' by living out His mission.
5. How does 'cradle' and 'cross' help us understand Jesus as 'Mighty God?' What is it about the cradle and the cross that should redefine our understanding of Jesus as 'Might God?'