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**Sermon Series:** Irrefutable: Prophecies that Point Us to Jesus

**To be used with Session 4:** The King Who Reigns Forever

**Sermon Title Possibilities:** The Leader Over Us

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:26-33

**Connection with Unit Theme:** To complement the small group study “*Irrefutable: Prophecies that Us to Jesus*,” this sermon calls us to remember that Jesus not only was born in manger, lived sinless life, died a substitutionary death, and was raised from the dead, but He is also exalted as King who reigns as Lord over all creation forever.

## Introduction

Isaiah’s prophecy points us to Jesus by showing us **The Nature of the King, The Names of the King, and The Nuances of the King**. This same Jesus who would be born of a virgin would reign in heaven. Isaiah looks forward to Jesus, but Luke looks back at Jesus.

Luke describes Jesus as: The Saving-One, The Sent-One, and The Sovereign-One. Concerning the question: Who is the Redeemer? Jesus is The Saving-One. Concerning the question: Who is the Representative of God? Jesus is The Sent-One. And, concerning the question: Who is the Ruler of the world? Jesus is The Sovereign-One. These texts we’re considering today tells us that ***Prophecy Declares It, Sovereignty Designed It, and Destiny Demands It.***

### 1. Prophecy Declares It. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

In a previous message, we learned that Isaiah 9 speaks of The Approach of the Lord (vv. 1-5), The Anointed-One of the Lord (vv. 6-7), and The Anger of the Lord (vv. 8-21). The first movement in today’s message zeros in on The Anointed-One of the Lord.

Isaiah points to the kingship of Jesus. The first part of verse six is about the “Nature of the King.” Jesus is referred to as a child who would be born and a son who would be given. This is the gospel in a nutshell—God brought his Son through a virgin birth and then gave His Son as a sacrifice for sin (John 3:16). This same sacrificed Son would rule over the world because “the government will be on his shoulders.”

The second part of verse six is about the “Names of the King.” He will be called Wonderful—pointing to His miracles, Counselor—pointing to His teaching, Mighty God—pointing to His divinity, Eternal Father—pointing to His equality with God

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the Father, and Prince of Peace—pointing to the fact that He reconciles man to God.

Then, verse seven speaks to the “Nuances of His names.” It points to the fact that Christ’s dominion would be without limitation, His throne would be the throne of David, His leadership would be executed with righteousness and justice, and His reign would last forever. Isaiah was saying then that Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Leader over us because Prophecy Declares It.

## **2. Sovereignty Designed It. (Luke 1:26-31)**

God the Father sovereignly orchestrated the details of the birth of Christ. He chose Joseph who was of the house of David, He chose Mary who was a virgin, He chose Gabriel who was an angel, and He chose the place and time Christ would be born and the purpose for which He would come.

It is significant that Jesus would be born of a virgin, so He could be a sinless Savior. It was significant that Jesus would be of the lineage of David, so He could be a legitimate King. And it was significant that Christ being not only fully man—but also fully God, so that He could offer an eternal sacrifice to God and provide an eternal salvation for man. No one could orchestrate that but God. Christ’s kingship was Sovereignly Designed.

## **3. Destiny Demands It. (Luke 1:32-33)**

Luke established that Jesus is the Saving-One when He said, “You will name him Jesus.” Jesus means Jehovah is salvation. Luke established that Jesus is the Sent-One when he said, “He will be called the Son of the Most High.” While other religions seek to show how man gets to God, this verse shows us how God came to man in Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, Luke establishes that Jesus is the Sovereign-One when he said, “And the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.” The old preacher would say, “God said it and that settles it, whether you believe it or not.” Today I say, “God said it and therefore you ought to believe it.” Jesus is Leader Over Us—Prophecy Declared It, Sovereignty Designed It, and Destiny Demands It—therefore you and I ought to submit to it.

**Conclusion:** It is clear from Scripture that Jesus is Lord over heaven, but the question becomes: Is He Lord over your heart? It is clear from Scripture that Christ has been exalted by the Father. The question becomes: Has Christ been enthroned by you, His follower. Christ already rules in heaven. Let’s make sure today that He rules in our hearts.

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