

A Shoot From the Stump of Jesse

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Last Sunday, we heard God call Isaiah as a prophet during a very bad time in Israel's history. We heard him describe "dull" hearts, "heavy" ears, and "blind" eyes. "How long, O Lord?" Isaiah asks.

"Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,
and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste,
and the LORD _____ people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.
And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak, whose _____ remains when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump. (Isaiah 6:11-13)

The nation of Israel would eventually become like a cut down tree, burned, with only a stump remaining. **Why?** Because they had "rebelled against" God.

But even in the darkest times, God was working. God had a plan to send the greatest King of all. Listen very carefully to what he foretells in **Isaiah 11**:

There shall come forth a _____ from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. (Isaiah 11:1)

This King would be different, bringing good news to everyone.

In that day the root of _____, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (Isaiah 11:10)

We've heard the name "**Jesse**" before, haven't we? **Jesse** was the father of **David**. David was the father of **Solomon**. Solomon was the father of **Rehoboam**, and so on. But for more than 200 years, the kings of Israel had lost their way and led the people in rebellion against God. For the next 700 years, Israel would be like a cut down, burned, hollowed out stump. **Until...**

Everything written about the Christ in the Prophets—including **Isaiah 11**—is fulfilled in Jesus, the greatest King of all.



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What did God mean when he described people as having “dull” hearts, “heavy” ears, and “blind” eyes in [Isaiah 6:10](#)?

But that’s not the sort of heart Jesus—“the shoot from the stump of Jesse”—would have. Listen to [Isaiah 11:2](#): Can you fill in the blank?

And the Spirit of the LORD shall _____ upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

What did this mean? Can you find [Matthew 3:13-17](#) in your Bible? What was Jesus doing when “the Spirit of the LORD” came to “rest on him”?

We heard a lot about **Jesse** today. Can you fill in the blanks below of Jesse’s family tree?

