

# Promise of Hope

*Genesis 3:14-15 - Adam Bowers*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Ice breaker: What's the most annoying or comical waiting experienced you've had?
2. Advent is viewed today as a season of anticipation for the day of the birth of Jesus. How can this season of hopeful waiting draw us closer to Jesus?
3. Imagine being a person living in Old Testament times. What do you think about the prophecies concerning the future Messiah? How does it impact the way you live?
4. Adam shared six prophecies concerning the Messiah in the Old Testament: He will defeat Satan, be a ruler, prophet, and cornerstone, will be from Bethlehem, and will be a humble king riding on a donkey.
  - a) What is the significance of each of these prophecies? For instance, why is it important that the Messiah defeat Satan, be a ruler, etc?
  - b) What other Old Testament prophecies do you know about that predicted something concerning the Messiah?
5. Does the fact that Jesus fulfilled so many unique prophecies from the Old Testament have an impact on your personal trust in God or relationship with Jesus?
6. Hebrews 2:9, 14-15 says:

<sup>9</sup>What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.” Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. <sup>14</sup>Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup>Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to come in flesh and blood? Why was this the only way he could set people free from slavery to sin and death?
7. What was your biggest takeaway from the message this week and how do you plan to respond to it?