

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Messiah As He Is • Pastor Brian Zahnd • December 14, 2025

- 1. What was the first job you had for which you were paid?
- 2. If you had heard John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness, would you have been baptized by him? Why or why not?

Read Isaiah 35:4-6

3. What would Israel expect the Messiah to be like and do according to these verses?

Read Matthew 11:2-6

- 4. How does John the Baptist aid in guiding us through the season of Advent?
- 5. Why is it hard to take Messiah as he is when you have misaligned expectations?
- 6. What is it about Jesus that causes the most offense today?

Read this quote outloud. "There are those who talk about God's cause, and about wanting to serve that cause. This is all very fine, but how, exactly, is this to be interpreted? Wanting to serve God's cause can never mean the same thing as coming to his aid. No, to serve God's cause is to face examination. If someone wants to serve his cause, it is not God who loses his balance and sublimity; no, God fixes his attention upon this volunteer—observantly—and sees how he conducts himself, whether he has integrity and resolve." – Søren Kierkegaard

7. What value is there in serving the cause of God but not being transformed by the salvation of God?

Read John 6:28-29

8. What is the work of God according to Jesus and how can we be employed in that work during the season of Advent?