

# The King is Coming

## The LORD Who Saves (O Adonai)

### Key idea:

Jesus is the LORD Who saves, delivering His people from sin, restoring them to God's favor and blessing and drawing them close to Himself.

### Key text:

Isaiah 11:1–5

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord —  
<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Isaiah 33:22

For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us.

### Key points:

1. Isaiah prophesied that the coming King would come in the Name of YHWH.
2. The people of Israel so revered God's Name YHWH that they would not even speak it, choosing to replace it with Adonai (which means 'my Lord').
3. God had revealed His Name as YHWH (translated as the LORD in most English translations) at the burning bush and declared that this was His Name forever.
4. The LORD is Judge, Lawgiver, and King Who delivers His people from slavery, darkness, and bondage of every type.
5. The New Testament reveals Jesus as YHWH in the flesh, come to save His people.

### **Questions for discussion/application:**

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. The people of Israel did not speak the Name of YHWH but used Adonai instead, to make sure they did not use God's Name in vain. Is that really what the Third Commandment is teaching? Can we speak the name of Yahweh (of Jehovah), or should we not do that?
3. How can people actually blaspheme or misuse God's Name? What are some ways this is done today?
4. Look at the antiphon "O Adonai". How surprised was I to see it focus on the burning bush incident? Why does it do this? What does this teach me about the identity and mission of Jesus?
5. What did God reveal about Himself at the burning bush with Moses in Exodus 3? What do I learn about God's Being, character, and actions from this event?
6. Why did the angel instruct Joseph to name the child to be born to Mary "Jesus"? What is the significance of this Name? What does it teach us about the identity and mission of Jesus? (NOTE: 'Jesus' - Hebrew Yehoshua or Y'Shua means 'YHWH saves').
7. What do the I AM sayings in John's Gospel teach us about Who Jesus claimed to be? How did the Jewish leaders and scholars around Him understand His claims?
8. Look at Malcolm Guite's sonnet "O Adonai" (O Wisdom). What great paradox does he seem to focus on through the first eight lines of the sonnet? How does he describe humanity in lines 9-12? What is his prayer in the final two lines, and how does it relate to Jesus as the LORD?
9. What area in my life needs to be freshly set ablaze by the fire of the LORD? What aspect of God's character, nature or mission needs to be rekindled in my conscience and life?
10. Whom can I pray for, share what I have learned, and invite to church this week?

**Preview of next week: The Root of Life (O Root of Jesse) [Isaiah 11:1, 10-12]**