

# SERMON STUDY GUIDE - He Shall Be Called: Mighty God

## Isaiah 9:6

### 1. OPENING QUESTION (CONNECT)

1. When you think about Christmas, what emotions rise up first—joy, stress, nostalgia, sorrow, hope? Why do you think that is?
2. Why do you think God chose to send His Son into the world in such humble circumstances?

### 2. SERMON REVIEW

- Isaiah gave this prophecy during a time of **deep darkness, corrupt leadership, and looming invasion** under King Ahaz.
- Into that darkness, God promised a **child** who would be called **Mighty God (El Gibbor)**—a divine warrior, champion, and deliverer.
- Jesus alone fulfills this title: fully human, fully God; the One whose power is seen in His miracles, His authority, His forgiveness, and His victory over sin and death.
- Christmas celebrates not just the birth of a baby, but the coming of the **Mighty God who saves**.

### 3. DIGGING INTO THE WORD (DISCUSS)

#### A. The Darkness of Ahaz's Day

**Read: Isaiah 7:10–14; Isaiah 9:1–2; 2 Kings 16:2–4; 2 Chronicles 28:1–4**

1. How do these passages describe the spiritual condition of Judah during Ahaz's reign?
2. Why is it significant that God spoke a promise of hope during such a hopeless time?
3. Where do you see parallels in today's world?

#### B. "Mighty God" — El Gibbor

**Read: Isaiah 9:6**

1. What does the title *El Gibbor* tell us about the child who would be born?
2. Why is it important that Isaiah does not call this coming King "Godlike" but "God"?
3. How does this prophecy point clearly to Jesus rather than to any earthly king?

## C. The Mighty Power of Jesus

**Read: Mark 4:35–41; Mark 5:1–13; Matthew 8:1–17; John 11; Mark 2:1–12**

1. Which demonstration of Jesus' power most stands out to you? Why?
2. What do these scenes reveal about His identity?
3. How would you explain to someone that Jesus is not partly God or God-like, but truly the Mighty God?

## D. Jesus, the Mighty Savior

**Read: Luke 19:10; Acts 4:12; Revelation 7:10**

1. How does Jesus' might relate to His mission as Savior?
2. What does it mean that salvation belongs "to our God... and to the Lamb"?
3. Why is Jesus the *only* One able to save?

## 4. GOING DEEPER

1. In what ways does Jesus being *Mighty God* bring comfort when life feels out of control?
2. What fears or uncertainties in your life need to be placed under His authority?
3. How does the humility of His birth deepen your understanding of God's character?

## 5. PERSONAL APPLICATION (APPLY)

1. **Worship** — How might knowing Jesus as Mighty God shape your worship this Christmas season?
2. **Trust** — Identify one specific area where you need to trust His power this week.
3. **Witness** — Who in your life needs encouragement to see Jesus not only as a baby in a manger, but as the Mighty God who came to save?

## 6. PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Lord that He came not just as a child, but as the Mighty God.

Pray for the courage to trust His power, follow His voice, and rest in His victory.