



FEET ON THE GROUND

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In early days cities had a watchtower and a watchman at the gates of the city, to look out for those who came to the city, to look out for enemies and to announce important news. The prophets also were watchmen, holy men, called to deliver the judgment and messages from the Lord, the word of God to the people.

The prophet Isaiah expresses the coming of the Messiah thus:

How beautiful upon the Mountains,
Are the feet of the messenger,
Who announces peace,
Who brings good news,
Who announces salvation,
Who says to Zion, “your God
reigns.” (Isaiah: 52:7)

His prophecy was fulfilled in the arrival of a tiny baby in Bethlehem, who would be God’s presence on

the earth He would bring peace and he would spread the good news, God’s word of salvation as he lived amongst them. Isaiah also prophesied this coming one as the suffering servant, an innocent one, who would suffer and die for the sins of the world (Isaiah: 53). John announced his arrival thus: And the Word became flesh and lived amongst us and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s son, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)

The wonderful news is that in Jesus, God speaks the good news of salvation. From him we hear God’s word. No longer a distant God, but actually present on earth. A forgiving and loving Father

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear” (Matthew 11:15).