

**Sermon Title:** The Mighty Shoot of Jesse

**Scripture text:** Isaiah 11:1-9

**Outline:**

A Disappointing Situation

A Surprising Solution

Applying God's Solution to our Disappointments



**Questions:**

**1. A Disappointing Situation**

- What does the image of a stump suggest about Judah's situation at the time?
- How do you typically respond to seasons that feel like spiritual or personal "stumps"?
- What current disappointments (personal, societal, or spiritual) make you feel like things are hopeless or beyond repair?

**2. A Surprising Solution**

- What is surprising about the image Isaiah uses to describe the coming Messiah?
- What stands out to you about the description of this shoot in verses 2–5?
- How does the character of the Messiah (wisdom, justice, righteousness) contrast with worldly leaders and expectations?

**3. Applying God's Solution to Our Disappointments**

- How can this passage reshape your perspective on disappointments in your life?
- In what ways have you seen God bring surprising good out of painful or disappointing situations?
- What is one area of disappointment in your life that you can commit to God in prayer?