

# Exiles

## The Righteous Branch

Read Jeremiah 23:1-6

1. In verses 1–2, God challenges the “shepherds” who destroy and scatter the sheep. Who might these shepherds represent in Jeremiah’s time, and what parallels do you see in leadership today?
2. How does God respond to the failed leadership in verses 3 & 4? Why is this significant?
3. Jeremiah foretells a “righteous Branch” from David’s line (v.5). What qualities define this coming King, and how do they contrast with the failed kings of Jeremiah's time?
4. The name of this promised King is “The Lord is our Righteousness” (v.6). What does that title reveal about the character and mission of the Messiah?
5. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy? What moments in His life demonstrate that He is the righteous King Jeremiah promised?
6. Christ the King Sunday celebrates Jesus’ reign over all creation. Does this always feel like a true reality? In what ways do you experience this reality & where do you feel a longing for more?
7. The passage envisions a time of security and peace under the true King’s rule. What would it look like for the church to embody that kind of kingdom life today?