

**WEEK 2 | LO! HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING
ISAIAH 11:1-10**



You can't get away from Christmas carols this time of year. So we thought we'd slow down and take a look at some of these great Christmas hymns.

- 1.) Read the words to “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming” (next page). What stands out to you about this Christmas carol?
- 2.) Read Isaiah 10:16-19. What image does Isaiah paint of humanity? What are the wastelands and “burned out forests” in our world? in your life?
- 3.) Read Isaiah 1-10. This passage has been long understood as describing the coming of the Messiah. In verses 1-5, how does Isaiah describe the Messiah? Why is he hopeful?
- 4.) On Sunday, Josh said this is the kind of leader we should give our all-out enthusiasm to. Can you think of any reasons people may *not* want to follow a leader like this?
- 5.) What will the Messiah’s kingdom be like? (see v.6-10)
- 6.) How would you answer someone who objects, “If Jesus really is the Messiah, why don’t we see this kingdom of peace now?”
- 7.) What steps can you take to focus on Jesus (and the Hope he brings) during the Christmas season?

LO! HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as men of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright
amid the cold of winter,
when have spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to men a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender,
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us,
and lightens every load.

O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
who dost our weakness know,
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven
and to the endless day.