

# FAIR-FIELDER

*Catch what was said in the sermon?*

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In the scriptures, there is no mention of a miraculous **snowfall** inundating **Bethlehem**.

The lack of **Advent** interest even extends to the **church**.

That's all there is—one long, **nutty, happy** season.

The words opening Second Isaiah are meant to **soothe** and **assure** God's people about God's **intentions**.

The new way takes that **old, bitter** journey.

It will be a new way of **faith** and **practice**, just as the **ancients** had learned their faith the hard way.

The contrast is drawn between the **fickle** and **feeble** nature of the faith commitment of God's people.

Two very different images emerge of this **conquering God** (2)..

Think of the John the Baptist **Christmas card** (2) you couldn't find.

He's hoping to stay **under** the **radar** of the ruling powers.

John also talks about the One who comes after him, the One who is **of** the Lord, not simply **called by** (2) the Lord.

Even John the Baptist knows his way is only **temporary**.