

**Sermon**  
**Beautiful Feet; Beautiful Message**  
**Isaiah 52:7-10**  
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Isaiah prophesied a return from exile.

He sees a messenger coming with good news of deliverance.

God's people would return to the covenant land.

Who could have foreseen this event on their own? – a prophet was needed.

Isaiah describes the messenger as having “beautiful feet” a Hebrew idiom.

The messenger's feet were beautiful because he brings such good news.

Isaiah's prophecy is even greater than it first appears.

Many of his prophecies show increasing fulfillment. They seem to be fulfilled until God does something even greater.

This prophecy seemed to be fulfilled with Judah returned, but then God showed real good news with the coming of Jesus.

Like Judah, we need a message delivered to us to know the great thing God is doing.

St. Paul quotes these words in Romans 10:13-15, “‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”

We have been told. God has sent many messengers; the prophets, Christ Himself, the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit sends pastors and teachers.

Without God's messengers, we would probably not see the way God comes in ordinary things.

At first, no one noticed what God was doing in Mary.

No one expected Bethlehem to be so important.

But even when we do not notice, God always keeps His promises.

The message of good news is brought to us again today.

Christ is here for you – God in the flesh.

He is here in your baptism, in absolution, and at the table.

Come see Jesus, cradled in the manger of this altar. Your deliverer is here.

Receiving such good news, what do we do?

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. They told others.

God has made your feet beautiful as you share that good news.

Our Savior has come for all.