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Luke 3 - Sunday, February 9, 2020

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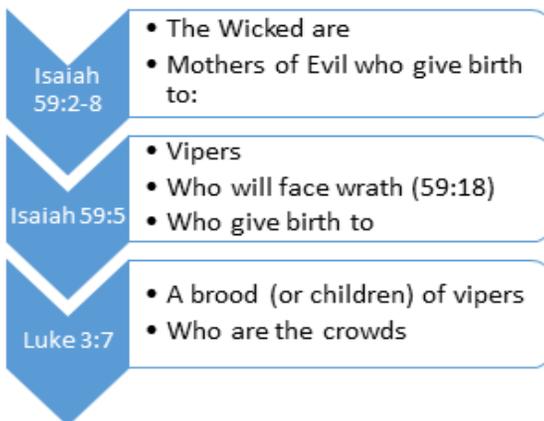
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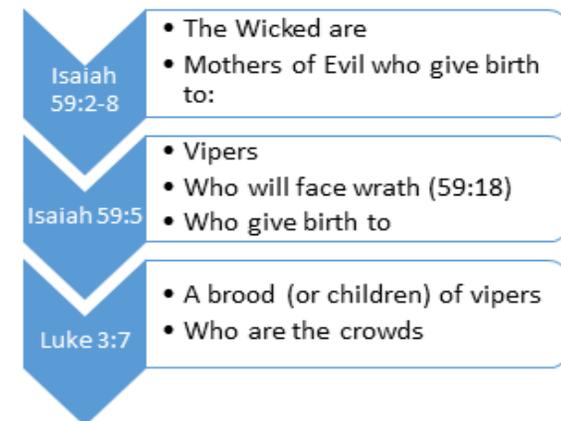
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- "What would Jesus do, if he were me?"
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