



**The Words Of The Prophets - Week 4**  
**Leaders Who Scatter vs. Leaders Who Gather**  
**Jeremiah 23:1-6**  
**Reckless Leaders Scatter, Godly Ones Gather**

***This is the conclusion of our sermon series from the OT prophets***

*These prophets anticipated the coming of a Messiah—a new leader*  
**Today we're going to learn from a prophet who was given a vision of the kind of leader that would change the world—forever...**

***What makes for a good leader?***

***The qualifications should be easy to spot***

*So why do we keep lifting up the wrong ones?*

***What would it take for us to change our standards?***

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**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

***What was the leadership that Jeremiah was Jeremiad-ing Against?***

- *Jehoiakim - Rabbinical Literature was not kind to him—he was a tyrant*
- *His son fared no better—three months; Zedekiah ended up the same*
- *All these kings had something in common according to the text: Pride*
- *They cared more about power than they did about their people; or God*
- *The words of God to Jeremiah paint a different portrait of a leader*
- *Not one who scatters, instills fear, but who does what is right and just*

***The reason this passage precedes Advent is that we know what a Good Shepherd, a just King looks like—humble, grace-filled, servant-minded, willing to lay down his life for his sheep.***

***Jesus For President—How To Shake Things Up Leadership-Wise***

- ***Look to Ourselves***—Are we reacting out of self-interest or fear?
- ***Look to Others***—Who would Jesus invite into the room? **Acts 15**
- ***Look to Jesus***—What sort of example are we seeking?

*Does the end justify the means?*

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### **FOR FURTHER READING:**

***The Prophetic Imagination***

*Walter Brueggeman*

***The Prophets***

*Abraham J. Heschel*

***Biblical Prophecy: Perspectives for Christian Theology, et. al***

*Ellen F. Davis*

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