

ADVENT: THE INCARNATION

Luke 1.67-80

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

Advent means "arrival." But who is arriving?

Genesis 3.15 // Job 19.25-27

Kinsman Redeemer is an Old Testament practice that required a blood relative to purchase back something that was lost in order to restore it to the original owner.

Leviticus 25.47-55, 27.9-25 // Numbers 5.8

Consider all the men that may have looked like the "Chosen One": Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Judah, Moses, Joshua, and David. Yet all of these had flaws, and none of them could afford the payment due to the One who was offended.

**Only God could be our redeemer,
but God should not be our redeemer.
Only man should be our redeemer,
but man could not be our redeemer.**

Genesis 12.3, 49.10 // Jeremiah 23.5, 6 // Isaiah 7.14 and Matthew 3.13
Micah 5.2 and Luke 2.1-7 // Hosea 11.1 and Matthew 2.13-15

THE WORD MADE FLESH

Incarnation is from the Latin and means, "to become flesh." It means that God literally "put on" humanity by clothing Himself with flesh.

Christ has put on our emotions and our flesh.

-John Calvin

John 1.1-14

Christianity is the only major religion to have as its central event the humiliation of its God.

-Bruce Shelley, Church History in Plain Language

Jesus was born so that He could die.



NOTES:

Other Suggested Resources:

A sermon from Pastor Mark Driscoll on the Incarnation
<http://marshall.com/media/doctrine/incarnation-god-comes>

Daily Devotionals:

Monday: Luke 1.67-80
Tuesday: Genesis 3.15 // Job 19.25-27
Wednesday: Leviticus 25.47-55, 27.9-25 // Numbers 5.8
Thursday: Genesis 12.3, 49.10 // Jeremiah 23.5, 6 // Isaiah 7.14 and Matthew 3.13
Friday: Micah 5.2 and Luke 2.1-7 // Hosea 11.1 and Matthew 2.13-15
Saturday: John 1.1-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADVENT: THE ARRIVAL OF HOPE

We are pausing our study of Colossians and starting a 4 week Advent series. On Sunday the **22nd** the message will be showing us a picture of Jesus as our healer and will be especially impactful for those who find Christmas to be a difficult time of year. This is a wonderful opportunity to **invite friends and family** to come hear about the hope we have in Christ!

SERVANT TRAINING NEXT SUNDAY

Next week after the service, we will be holding a servant training meeting for those involved in the Usher/Greeter/Setup, Connection, and KOM ministries. Childcare will be provided, **PLEASE RSVP with ages of your children** by filling out the green **Connection Card** or email Audra at audra@lifemission.tv

CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES

Please see the flyer included in your notes with a suggested list of Christmas outreach opportunities, including **free gift wrapping and music at Barnes & Noble** in Escondido on Dec 8th from 5-9pm, **Christmas caroling in the Oak Hill neighborhood** on Friday the 20th, and many more. If you'd like to get involved with any of these opportunities please **fill out the flyer** and drop it in the offering or at the Connection Booth. If you have any questions, please email **Matt Null** at mnull1@yahoo.com

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

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**Jesus + Nothing = Everything
Reading Plan**

Chapter 10, pages 151-164

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Luke 1:68-70**. What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday or from these verses? _____

In the Old Testament, God regularly provided his people with tangible signs and physical symbols to confirm divine revelation. After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God himself prophesied to them, He gave them a sign. Read **Genesis 3:15**. What sign, symbol or message is God revealing to His people? _____

Around 700 B.C. God gave His people a sign through the prophet Isaiah. Read **Isaiah 7:14**. Then read **Micah 5:2**. What two signs were given here? _____

And also, **Isaiah 53:1-12** prophesied not just how, but why "Immanuel", the "offspring born of a virgin" was coming. What are some of the reasons? _____

With keeping in mind **Isaiah 7:14** which was written over 700 years before the New Testament, read **Matthew 1:18-23**. Now, with **Micah 5:2** in mind, read **Luke 2:1-7**, and with **Isaiah 53:1-12** in mind, read **Matthew 27:38, 58-60** and **Acts 2:25-32**.

Why is it necessary for the Redeemer to be a human? _____

Why was it just important for the Redeemer to also be God, not just a human messenger of God? _____

Consider this quote: "While the resurrection may be the most important event of human history, the incarnation is the most implausible." Do you agree or disagree, and why? _____

Thinking of the promises mentioned above that the Redeemer would be God coming as a Man and then seeing their fulfillments, what do these promises fulfilled do for your faith in God and His Word? And what do they tell us about the character of God? _____

Last, looking forward to the second coming, where Jesus returns. Read **Revelation 17:14**. How does knowing that God fulfills His past promises help you in believing future promises?

Spend some time as a group in prayer thanking God for not only sending Jesus for what He has done but for our future hope.