

ADVENT READING PLAN

God unleashed His plan to redeem the world and redeem His people





Matthew 1:23 (HCSB) says “they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated “God is with us.” The God who is with us in Christ . . . is also the God who is above us today. Jesus Christ is God Jesus Christ rules and reigns over all of creation He is the King of Kings . He is the Lord of Lords. He is the sovereign ruler of the universe. No earthly king, no president, no business leader, no man, no woman is greater than the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said in Ephesians 1 that Jesus is “ far above every ruler and authority, power and dominion, and every title given, not only in this age but also in the one to come.” This is God who assumed human flesh at Christmas. Worship Him gladly and joyfully! The Savior has come!

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We exist to see people saved, lives changed and Jesus glorified. We have seen countless numbers of people saved here. I have personally seen the Christ of Christmas change the lives of people over and over again. Through it all, Jesus is being greatly glorified.

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Week 01

We begin the Christmas season by looking back to the very beginning. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, rejected God as their Father and wilfully became the delivery system for the greatest weapon of mass destruction ever unleashed on the world. In the midst of the chaos and agony that sin was bringing into His creation, God unleashed his plan to redeem that world, and redeem His people.

Each of these readings examine an aspect of God's promise to send the One who would bring us home.

Monday, November 27 - The Promised Snake-crusher

Read: Genesis 3:14-15

Tuesday, November 28 - The Promised Blessing

Read: Genesis 12:1-4

Wednesday, November 29 - The Promised Child

Read: Isaiah 9:6-7

Thursday, November 30 - The Promised Judge

Read: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Friday, December 1 - The Promised Shepherd

Read: Micah 5:2-5

Saturday, December 2 - The Promised King

Read: Zechariah 9:9-12

Sunday, December 3 - The Promised Son

Read: Galatians 4:4-5



Week 02

The months leading up to Jesus' final arrival were as mundane as they had ever been; no one in the halls of political power realized what was about to happen. The average Jew or Roman in the streets was utterly unaware of the coming of the Messiah. Yet God's faithful, ever hoping in his promises, remained watchful, looking for the one that would "take away [their] disgrace."

Each of the readings this week looks at the events and final prophecies leading up to Jesus' birth.

Monday, December 4 – 42 Generations to Jesus
Read: Matthew 1:1-17

Tuesday, December 5 – Preparing the Way for Messiah
Read: Luke 1:5-25

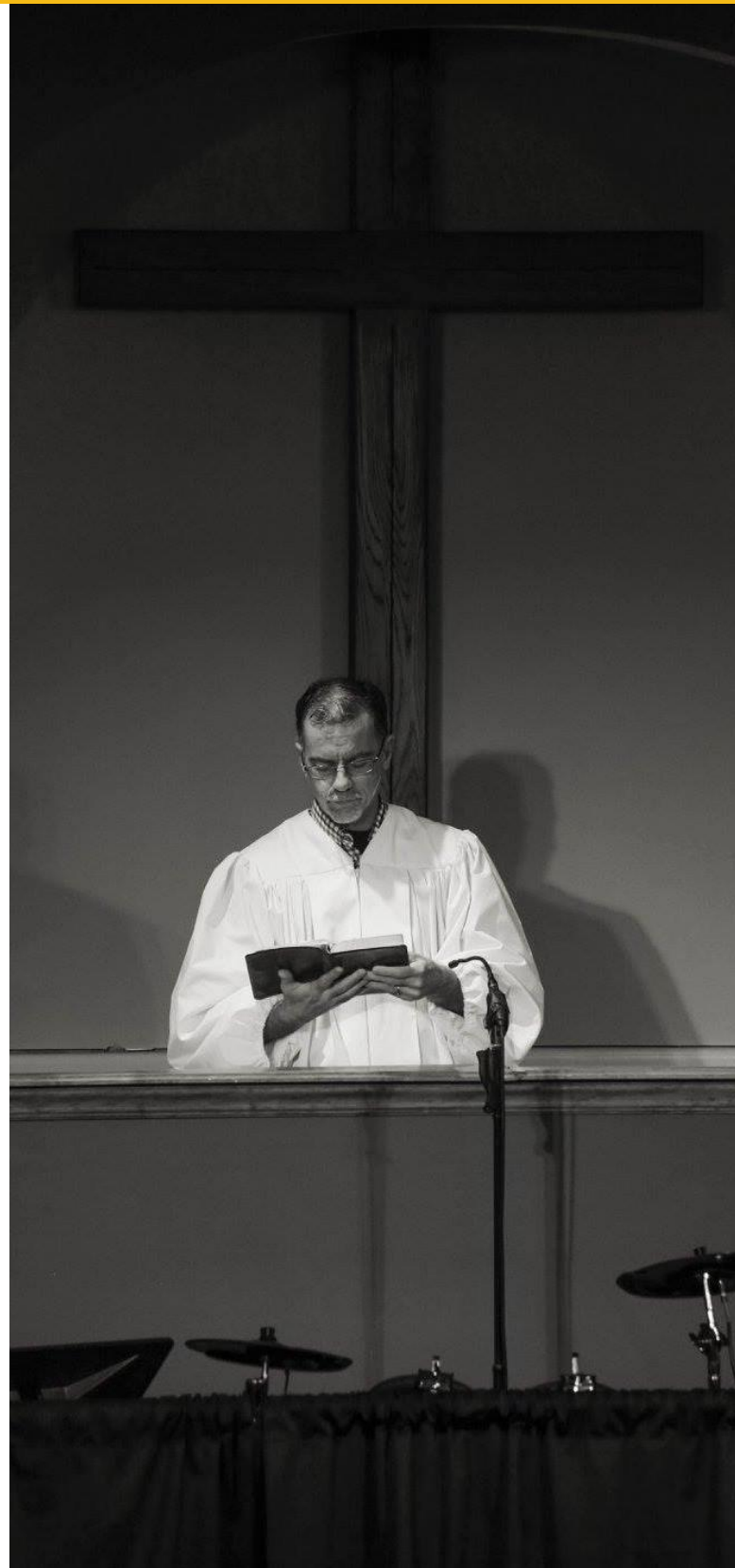
Wednesday, December 6 – "You Have Found Favor With God"
Read: Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, December 7 – An Angel Comes to Joseph
Read: Matthew 1:18-23

Friday, December 8 – "Blessed Are You Among Women"
Read: Luke 1:39-45

Saturday, December 9 – The Magnificat, Mary's Song of Praise
Read: Luke 1:46-55
(note: for another song sung by the mother of a promised savior, consider also reading 1 Samuel 1-2:10)

Sunday, December 10 – Zechariah's Prophecy
Read: Read: Luke 1:67-79



Week 03

The coming of the Son of God was the culmination of thousands of years of God's promises. Yet when he came, he arrived in the most unlikely of times, places, and guises: an ethnic minority in an occupied nation, born into poverty and powerlessness, destined for a singular purpose - to die for the sins of many.

Each of this week's readings tells the story of Jesus' arrival on this earth as the infant son of God.

Monday, December 11 – Jesus Is Born

Read: Luke 2:1-7

Tuesday, December 12 – The Angelic Choir

Read: Luke 2:8-14

Wednesday, December 13 – The Shepherds' Visit

Read: Luke 2:15-20

Thursday, December 14 – The Dedication of Jesus

Read: Luke 2:21-24

Friday, December 15 – The Wise Men

Read: Matthew 2:1-12

Saturday, December 16 – The Slaughter of Innocents

Read: Matthew 2:13-18

Sunday, December 17 – Return to Nazareth

Read: Matthew 2:19-23

Week 04

Many of the facets of the Gospel find their roots in the doctrine of the Incarnation (literally 'into flesh') - that is, the truth that Jesus became fully man in order to carry out his ministry. This week, each scripture reading examines some aspect of the beauties and benefits of this doctrine as we draw closer to the Christmas holiday.

Monday, December 18 - The Word Made Flesh

Read: John 1:1-18

Tuesday, December 19 - The Humility of Christ

Read: Philippians 2:5-11

Wednesday, December 20 - Jesus Reveals God's Character

Read: Hebrews 1:1-6

Thursday, December 21 - Destroying the Power of Death

Read: Hebrews 2:14-15

Friday, December 22 - The Image of the Invisible God

Read: Colossians 1:15-20

Saturday, December 23 - Every Spiritual Blessing Comes From Christ

Read: Ephesians 1:3-12

Sunday, December 24 - My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

Read: Luke 2:25-32



Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, our reading points us beyond Bethlehem, and even beyond Calvary, to the Second Advent: the day of the glorious return, when Jesus Christ shall once again come in flesh, this time to rule and reign.

Read: Revelation 1:12-18 - The Coming Son of Man



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