

Big Idea: Remember Jesus came as a sinless Savior to take away our sins.

⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1. Remember Jesus is the Promised Messiah

You know that he appeared

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

2. Remember Jesus is the Sin-bearer

in order to take away sins

Psalm 130:3-4

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Hebrews 10:4, 11-14

⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.... ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

John 1:29

The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent: one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other—things that are really of no consequence—the door is shut, and can only be opened *from the outside*.
-Letter from Dietrich Bonhoeffer at Tegel prison, November 21, 1943

3. Remember Jesus is the Sinless King

and in him there is no sin.

1 John 1:5. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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