



Advent Through the Lens of Isaiah: The King is Coming!

Advent 1 *Expecting the Coming King*

Isaiah 2:1-5 with Matthew 24:36-44

Focus Scripture

“It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it.”—Isaiah 2:2

Transformation and Witness

God’s dream for world peace is fulfilled in the coming of His Son to expectant people. Walking in the light of King Jesus is the way to bring peace to our homes, city, and world.

Up in Worship

Read Psalm 48 to discover what God intends for Zion, the city of His people. What attributes of God move you to worship Him as a result?

Into Community

What does God see when He looks at the Holy City of Charleston and our community on John's Island? What would you like to see Him do in our city and community?

Read Isaiah 1:1-16

1. In contrast to God’s vision for Zion, what was the Jerusalem of Isaiah’s day really like, and what consequences resulted?

2. What invitation and corresponding promise does God offer to His religious yet faithless people in Isaiah 1:17-20, 24-28?

3. What do these verses teach you about the character of God?

Read Isaiah 2:1-5

4. Against the background of Chapter 1, what do you find interesting about Isaiah's vision concerning Jerusalem?



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5. Use the following scriptures and any others you know to describe what is meant by the last days.

Acts 2:17

Hebrews 1:2

John 6:39-40

2 Timothy 3:1

2 Peter 3:3

6. Isaiah speaks of the mountain of the LORD throughout his prophecy. How do the following references help enrich your understanding of God's vision for His people?

11:9

27:13

56:7

57:13

65:9-11, 25

66:20

7. A. How is Isaiah's vision of God's word meant to encourage the nation of His people in decline? (2-3)

B. What hope do you receive for a broken, deteriorating world under the Lord's rule? (4-5)

C. What is your response to Isaiah's invitation in verse 5? To whom will you extend this invitation?



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Read Matthew 24:36-44

8. Jesus teaches His disciples about the signs of His coming at the close of the age. What does he reveal about the time of His return (36)?

9. How will the days of Noah be similar to the day when the Son of Man comes? (37-39 with Genesis 6:5-7; 7:7)

10. What will it look like for you, your family, or church to live in expectation for the coming of King Jesus (40-44).

Out in Mission

What distinguishes you from those in Noah's day? Or What indicators in your life show that you are prepared for the coming of King Jesus?

How Is God calling you, your family, and life group to walk in the light of the Lord so that your city, nation, or world can be prepared for the coming of King Jesus?