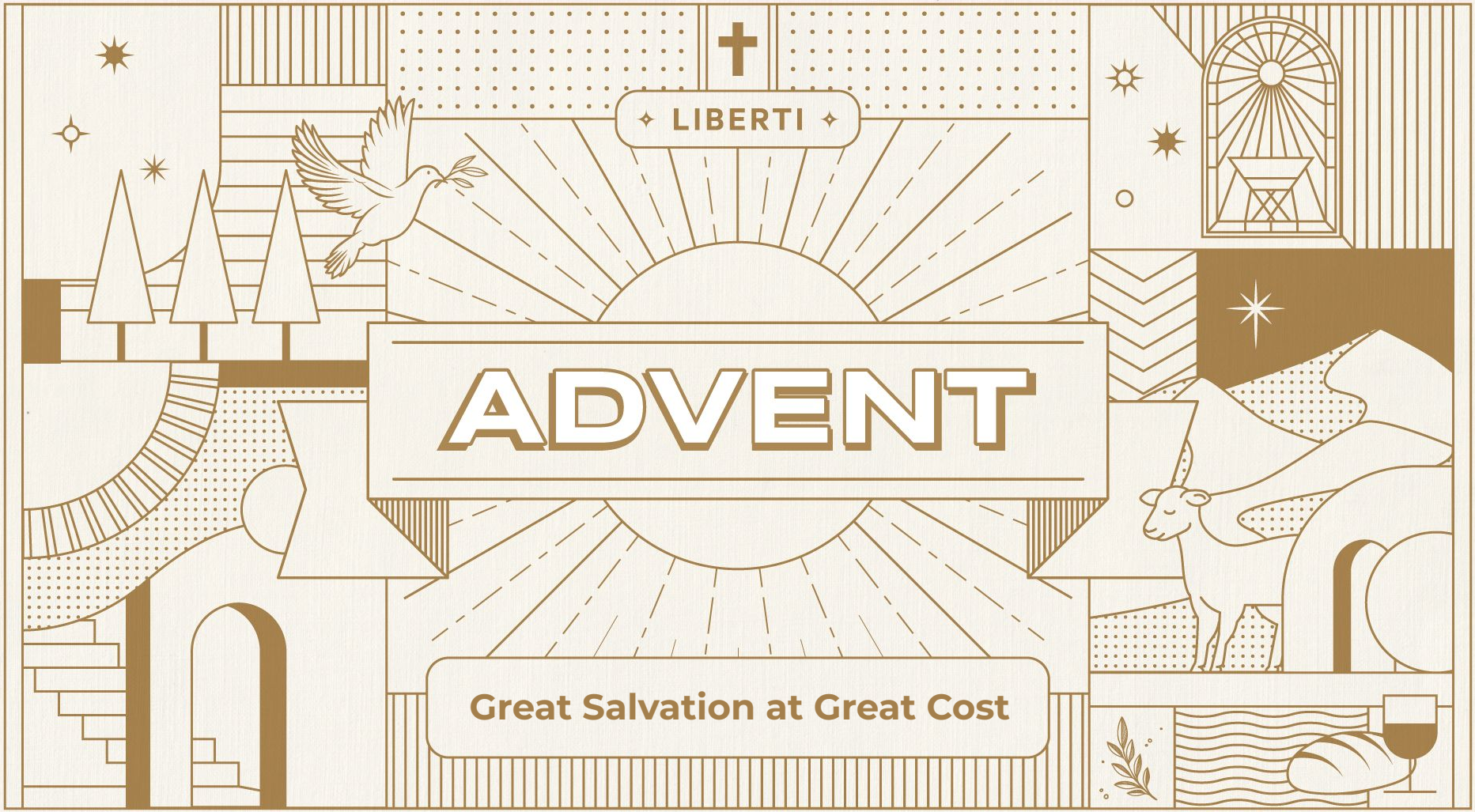




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# ADVENT

Great Salvation at Great Cost



## Luke 2:22-35

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord,



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“a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen



## Luke 2:22-35

the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;



## Luke 2:22-35

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,



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“Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”





# Isaiah 49:13

“Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.”





# Isaiah 51:3

“For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.”



“Because of the commercial indispensability of Christmas, it will remain with us as a secular festival. My fear is, however, that its true roots will become more and more hidden to most of the population.... Every year our increasingly secular Western society becomes more unaware of its own historical roots, many of which are the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

**Timothy Keller**

Timothy Keller, *Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ*,  
(London, Great Britain: Hodder & Stoughton, 2016), 2-3.



Yet once a year at Christmas these basic truths become a bit more accessible to an enormous audience.”

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“Well would it have been for the letter-learned Scribes and Pharisees of Simeon’s time, if they had sat at his feet, and listened to his word.”

**J.C. Ryle**

J.C. Ryle, Expository Thoughts on the Gospels: St. Luke – Vol.1,  
(Cambridge, Great Britain: James Clarke & Co. Ltd, 1976), 68.



# Isaiah 49:6

“...I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”



“It’s understandable why this second statement from Simeon is relatively unknown. It has not been put to music; it is not read at Christmas services around the world. But I think it should be, because it is part of what the Bible tells us about the meaning of Christmas, and because we need to hear it. Why? Both the secular and church celebrations of Christmas focus almost entirely on sweetness and light. They are all about how the coming of Christ means peace on earth....

**Timothy Keller**

Timothy Keller, *Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ*,  
(London, Great Britain: Hodder & Stoughton, 2016), 117-118.



But it's not that simple. How does a surgeon bring peace to your body if it has a tumor in it? The surgeon...cuts you open, because that is your only path to health. How does a therapist help a downcast, depressed person? Often she does it by bringing up the past, getting the patient to confront painful memories and terrible feelings. The surgeon and the therapist often have to make you feel worse before you can feel better.”

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# Luke 24:46-47

“...Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

