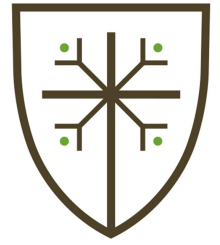




# PALPABLE DISSONANCE

Advent Sermon Series

# SERMON NOTES



December 18, 2022

## SERMON INFO

### TITLE

Palpable Dissonance: A Disruption  
Divine

### PREACHER

Rev. Brent Baker

### TEXTS

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Romans 1:1-6  
Matthew 1:18-25

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are we longing for and what is it attached to? Is it a desire or a person who can fulfill a promise?
2. What did your life start to look like when God broke in? Was there a shift as Brent describes?

## SERMON IN SUMMARY

This week, Brent began his sermon with the illustration of a child, or any of us for that matter, asking "is this it?" after all the Christmas morning excitement has ended.

There could be several reasons why we ask ourselves "is this it?" on Christmas – unmet expectations, reveals the selfishness of our heart, consumption is not filling us, finding our life in stuff, or yearning, things are not as they should be, there has to be something more.

There's lots of sin and destruction in the world. We long to enter a different reality (peace on Earth) and to know that help is on the way; That sadness will be undone and evil won't win.

Today's passage provides an announcement of good news. Looking at the reading— something good is finally breaking in the darkness in a disruptive burst. Today's reading is a pattern for us too, we see disruption before hope. Places of disruption are where we see God.

**Fulfillment** - Something spectacular has happened for something so disruptive. Matthew focuses on origin (son of David, son of Abraham). Something ancient is taking place, a fulfillment of a promise. Fulfillment is the front door of experiencing hope. Are we hoping for something that is unfulfilled? (job, spouse, child, peace). Hope is often only attached to a desire. But when it is attached to a promise it takes on a different reality and life.

Hope attached to a promise which can be fulfilled by a person (I want to be rich=desire vs. I want to be rich, if parent is rich, this is a hope that can be fulfilled by a person) not just a wish, it's a certain hope, anchor to soul, attached to a promise it's attached to a person. When attached to a promise it takes a new life. God would rescue his people and all of creation through a messiah from the line of David (universal blessing/peace). A Royal child— only a divine king could fulfill a divine promise of universal blessing. Advent begins when human potential ends— fulfill ancient promises

**Disruption** - God breaks in to do what only He could do. Start a revolution. David's successor would rule over all kingdoms. Divinely disruptive (engaged, pregnant, almost divorced, renewed). When God breaks in your life will never be the same. Power, rule, reign of God in us. Is our life disrupted?

**Hope** - He bursts through in our heart and changes us and gives us certain hope.