

2023 ADVENT

DIGITAL DEVOTIONAL



CELEBRATING CHRIST



Prepare your heart to welcome the King

Advent

ADVENT, (FROM LATIN ADVENTUS, "COMING"), IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALENDAR, THE PERIOD OF PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS AND ALSO OF PREPARATION FOR THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

COMMON IN CHRISTIAN CIRCLES ARE LIGHTING OF CANDLES: THE FOUR CANDLES REPRESENT THE FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT, AND THEY RESPECTIVELY SYMBOLIZE HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE.

SHOULD CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE ADVENT? PURELY A PERSONAL CHOICE. THAT'S THE BEAUTIFUL FREEDOM WE HAVE IN CHRIST. HE HAS GIVEN US LIBERTY TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP HIM IN THE WAY THAT WE PLEASE. (JUST DON'T DO WHAT HE EXPRESSLY FORBIDS IN SCRIPTURE)

IF THE ANGELS CELEBRATED THE BIRTH OF CHRIST SHOULD NOT WE!

How are you preparing?

His Arrival

LUKE 2:7- 20 KJV

AND SHE (MARY) BROUGHT FORTH HER FIRSTBORN SON, AND WRAPPED HIM IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER; BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN.

AND THERE WERE IN THE SAME COUNTRY SHEPHERDS ABIDING IN THE FIELD, KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCK BY NIGHT.

AND, LO, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME UPON THEM, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE ROUND ABOUT THEM: AND THEY WERE SORE AFRAID.

AND THE ANGEL SAID UNTO THEM, FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE.

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.

AND THIS [SHALL BE] A SIGN UNTO YOU; YE SHALL FIND THE BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, LYING IN A MANGER.

AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING GOD, AND SAYING,

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

AND IT CAME TO PASS, AS THE ANGELS WERE GONE AWAY FROM THEM INTO HEAVEN, THE SHEPHERDS SAID ONE TO ANOTHER, LET US NOW GO EVEN UNTO BETHLEHEM, AND SEE THIS THING WHICH IS COME TO PASS, WHICH THE LORD HATH MADE KNOWN UNTO US.

AND THEY CAME WITH HASTE, AND FOUND MARY, AND JOSEPH, AND THE BABE LYING IN A MANGER.

AND WHEN THEY HAD SEEN [IT], THEY MADE KNOWN ABROAD THE SAYING WHICH WAS TOLD THEM CONCERNING THIS CHILD.

AND ALL THEY THAT HEARD [IT] WONDERED AT THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE TOLD THEM BY THE SHEPHERDS.

BUT MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS, AND PONDERED [THEM] IN HER HEART.

AND THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED, GLORIFYING AND PRAISING GOD FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN, AS IT WAS TOLD UNTO THEM.

Christ our King

Zechariah 9:9 KJV

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he [is] just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Matthew 21:5 KJV

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

John 12:14 & 15 KJV

And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, 15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

In what ways do you acknowledge Christ as King?

Christ Returns

Acts 1:9-11 KJV

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

In Summary The Lord Jesus the Christ is our High Priest, Prophet and King! The only begotten Son of God. He stepped out of Heaven to become one of us to redeem us out of the hand of the destroyer and death unto everlasting life and fellowship with him and with all that name the Name of the Lord forever!

Are you preparing for His return?

