

Intro: ADVENTUS. Roman ceremony "*par excellence*". Arrival of an emperor into a city. Birth of an heir/prince. With Jesus we talk about 2 main Advents: **Christmas** and The **Second Coming**. Some also talk about His advent into **Jerusalem** on the Donkey being an Advent to His Death.

-**He's the Royal Son. Bloodline.** Aragorn in Lord of the Rings. Isildur's heir. Son. Return of King.

-**Sermon Series:** Jesus is Son of Adam, Son of David, Son of Man and Son of God.

(Everything sounds cooler in LATIN. Haha!)

Thesis: "Jesus is the Truly Perfect Man and Savior of Mankind."

I. Truly Man

- A. v.14 - Anthropos: Man/Human. Adam was a type of Christ. The One to come.
- B. **Jesus wasn't the backup plan to Adam.** Jesus was the plan. Man with the Plan. v.17
- C. Rom.8:29. "*We are being conformed into the Image of the Son.*" Jesus Christ Himself.
- D. **Imago Dei.** Adam = "Man". Made in Image of God. Col.1:15-23. Jesus is Imago Dei.
- E. Luke 3:38 Genealogy."Son of Adam." Really Man. Gal. 4:4 "Born of a Woman". Really Man.

ILLUSTRATION: C.S. Lewis: Narnia. Humans called: "Sons of Adam and Daughters of Eve."

- F. **WHY?** B/c He loves humans. Titus 3:4-7. Phil-anthropia. "*Friend of Mankind.*" Acts 28:2 Malta

ILLUSTRATION: Philanthropia. Aristotle & Plato use it to talk about general benevolence. Humanitarian love. Caring for fellow men. When used about the **gods in Greek culture**; negative. **Prometheus**(Titan) & **Hermes**(god) were both condemned and despised by Zeus; other gods. Crime was their affection, compassion, love & care for lesser humans who were just there to serve their purposes. The fact that they would lower themselves; belittle themselves to love men (*philanthropia*)! *Disgusting! Humiliating. Crime!*

APPLICATION: We have a God who loves Humans. Sent His Son for us because He loves us. Be like us, so He could identify with us. Know us. Know our suffering. Hardships. Unbelievable! He loves Humans more than any other part of His creation. Became one to save them. **How?**

II. Perfect Man

- A. v.18-19. Active Obedience. He obeyed all the Law of God perfectly on our behalf.
- B. By **Faith**, we are **Justified**. Declared **Righteous. Double Imputation. Propitiation.**
- C. Hebrews 4:15. "*Not have a Priest unable to sympathize, but tempted, yet without sin.*"

ILLUSTRATION: Anselm. Cur Deus Homo: "Why the God-Man". Had to be fully man to **represent human race perfectly**. Satisfy the Law of God and achieve Righteousness, but also to suffer the punishment for sin that every single one of us deserves. MAN. As God, He could.

- D. **Incarnation:** "En" + "Carne" *In the flesh. Infestation? "In-flesh-ation."* Jn 1:14: Became flesh.
- E. **Hark! Herald:** "*Mild He lays his glory by, born that men no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.*" Could only do that if He became man.

ILLUSTRATION: Machen. Pastor. Theologian. Defender of Gospel. Dying, sent a telegram to his friend John Murray: "*I'm so thankful for the Active Obedience of Christ. No Hope without it.*"

APPLICATION: Jesus was more human than any of us. Complete. Perfect. Not broken. Meant to be.

III. Savior of Mankind

- A. v.15-17. Christmas Passage? Yes. Jesus came as the Free Gift of the Father's Love. Grace.
- B. Justification and Salvation and every other implication are Are Gifts of God's Grace.
- C. John 3:16: God so *loved* the world, that He *gave* His only Son. *Whoever* believes.
- D. **Gospels:** Jesus says He *came* to seek and save the lost. He *came* not for the righteous but sinners. He *came* to serve and not to be served and to *give* His life as a ransom for many.
- E. 1 Tim. 1:15: Jesus Christ *came into the world* to save sinners; and I'm the worst. *Kindness.*
- F. *1 Cor. 15:20-26*. and *Romans 5:6-8*. **Through this One Man, we all win.**

ILLUSTRATION: Football: "Here comes **#2** to save the day!" Rest of the team just riding on his back!

APPLICATION: Christmas is a Rescue Mission. Jesus coming to save the day. We just ride on His back. **Christmas** is about the **Cradle** and the **Cross**. But also about a **Crown. Jesus is the Savior King.**

Colossians 1:15-23

15 **He is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the **firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent**. 19 For **in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell**, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now **reconciled in his body of flesh by his death**, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the goodness and **loving kindness (philanthropia)** of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

1 Cor. 15:20-26

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as **by a man** came death, **by a man** has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.** 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 **Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.** 25 For **he must reign** until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.