

# ADVENT

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Something good is coming!

The way we were...



# Advent

- advent
- Pronunciation: /'ədvent, -vənt/
- noun
- 1 [in singular] the arrival of a notable person or thing.
- 2 (Advent) the first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays.
- (Advent) Christian Theology the coming or second coming of Christ.
- Origin:
- Old English, from Latin *adventus* 'arrival', from *advenire*, from *ad-* 'to' + *venire* 'come'

# The First Advent...

- Luke 1;31,
- 30 The angel said to her, “Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. 31 You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, 33 and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!”

# Joseph's perspective..

Matthew 1;20

- While he was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. <sup>21</sup> She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus—because he will save his people from their sins.”
- <sup>22</sup> Now all this happened in order to make come true what the Lord had said through the prophet,<sup>23</sup> “A virgin will become pregnant and have a son, and he will be called Immanuel” (which means, “God is with us”).

# And in Isaiah...

- Isaiah 7;14,
  - Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:  
Behold the virgin will conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel.
- Isaiah 9;6,
  - For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace.

# The Powerful Anointed Leader?



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- Luke 2:14,
- ‘Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!’



# The Powerful Anointed Leader...



# Only good things?



# Good times!



# Incarnation...



# incarnation

- John 1:1
- In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> From the very beginning the Word was with God. <sup>3</sup> Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. <sup>4</sup> The Word was the source of life,<sup>[a]</sup> and this life brought light to people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out...
- <sup>14</sup>The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

# God's dream for us...

- Genesis 1;26,
- Then God said

**'Let's make man in our image,  
to be like us,  
We'll put man in charge of the planet-  
the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky  
All of the animals; big and small  
Everything that lives and moves on earth'**

# God's dream for the world...

- **Colossians 1:20**
- **20** and by Him (Jesus) to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

# Advent = Adventure?

- adventure
- Pronunciation: /əd'ventʃə/
- *Noun*; an unusual and exciting or daring experience:
- *[mass noun]* excitement associated with danger or the taking of risks
- a reckless or potentially hazardous action or enterprise
- *Verb*; engage in daring or risky activity:
- **Origin:** Middle English:
- from Old French *aventure* (noun), *aventurer* (verb), based on Latin *adventurus* 'about to happen', from *advenire* 'arrive'

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