

# Week 1

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## Monday

*John the Baptist Prepares the Way*

Matthew 3: 1-12

Luke 3: 1-20

## Tuesday

*John Baptizes Jesus*

Matthew 3: 13-17

Luke 3: 21-38

## Wednesday

*Satan Tempts Jesus in the Desert*

Matthew 4: 1-11

Luke 4: 1-13

## Thursday

*The Testimony of John*

John 1: 19-51

## Friday

*Jesus Turns Water into Wine*

John 2: 1-12

# Week 2

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## Monday

*Jesus Clears the Temple & Meets with Nicodemus*  
John 2: 13 - 4: 3

## Tuesday

*Herod Imprisons John & Jesus Talks with the Samaritan Woman*  
Matthew 4:12  
Luke 3: 19-20  
John 4: 4-42

## Wednesday

*Jesus Begins Teaching in Galilee & Heals the Official's Son*  
Luke 4: 14-30  
John 4: 43-54

## Thursday

*Jesus Drives out a Demon & Calls Four Fisherman*  
Luke 4: 31-37; 5:1-11  
Matthew 4: 13-22

## Friday

*Jesus Heals Peter's Mother in Law & Others*  
Matthew 8: 14-17  
Luke 4: 38-47

# Week 3

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## Monday

*Jesus Heals a Man of Leprosy & Heals a Paralytic*

Matthew 8:2-4; 9:2-8

Luke 5:12-26

## Tuesday

*Jesus Calls Matthew & Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath*

Matthew 9:9-13; 12:1-14

Luke 5:27-39; 6:1-11

## Wednesday

*People Come to Jesus to be Healed & Jesus Chooses 12 Apostles*

Matthew 12:15-21

Luke 6:12-19

## Thursday

*Jesus Teaches the Beatitudes & Gives Other Instructions*

Matthew 5:1-12

Luke 6:20-26

## Friday

*Additional Teachings of Jesus*

Matthew 5:13-20

Luke 6:27 - 7:1

# Week 4

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## Monday

*Jesus' Teaching on Murder, Adultery & Promises*

Matthew 5: 21-37

Luke 12: 57-59

## Tuesday

*Jesus' Teaching on Loving Your Enemy, Prayer & Fasting*

Matthew 5:38-48; 6:1-18

Luke 6:27-36

## Wednesday

*Jesus' Teaching on Storing Treasures & Worrying*

Matthew 6:19-34

Luke 12:22-34

## Thursday

*Jesus' Teaching on Judging Without Hypocrisy, Asking of the Lord &  
Judging a Tree by Its Fruit*

Matthew 7:1-23

Luke 6:37-45

## Friday

*Jesus Describes the Wise & Foolish Builders*

Matthew 7:24-29

Luke 6:46-49

# Week 5

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## Monday

*Jesus & the Centurion*  
Matthew 8: 1-13  
Luke 7: 1-10

## Tuesday

*Jesus Heals the Widow's Son & He is Anointed by the Sinful Woman*  
Luke 7: 11-17, 36-50

## Wednesday

*Women Who Travel with Jesus & A Visit from Jesus'*  
*Mother & Brothers*  
Luke 8: 1-3, 19-21  
Matthew 12: 46-50

## Thursday

*Jesus Speaks in Parables*  
Matthew 13: 1-30, 36-52  
Luke 8: 4-18

## Friday

*Jesus Calms the Storm*  
Matthew 8: 23-27  
Luke 8: 22-25

# Week 6

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## Monday

*Jesus Heals Demon-Possessed Men*

Matthew 8: 28-34

Luke 8: 26-39

## Tuesday

*Jesus is Questioned by Others*

Matthew 9: 9-17

## Wednesday

*Jesus Heals a Sick Woman & Brings a Young Girl Back to Life*

Matthew 9: 18-26

Luke 8: 40-56

## Thursday

*Jesus Continues Healing People*

Matthew 9: 27-34

## Friday

*Jesus & John the Baptist*

Matthew 11: 2-19

Luke 7: 18-35

# Week 7

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## Monday

*Jesus Heals a Paralytic and Speaks of His Identity & Authority*  
John 5: 1-47

## Tuesday

*Jesus Gives the Apostles Authority & Instructions*  
Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 15  
Luke 9: 1-6

## Wednesday

*Instructions for the Apostles, continued*  
Matthew 10: 16-31  
Luke 12: 1-12

## Thursday

*Instructions for the Apostles, continued*  
Matthew 10: 32 - 11: 1

## Friday

*The Murder of John the Baptist*  
Matthew 14: 1-13  
Luke 9: 7-9

# Week 8

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## Monday

*Jesus Feeds the 5,000*

Matthew 14: 13-21

Luke 9: 10-17

John 6: 1-15

## Tuesday

*Jesus Walks on Water*

Matthew 14: 22-36

John 6: 16-21

## Wednesday

*Jesus is the Bread of Life*

John 6: 22-59

## Thursday

*Many Disciples Desert Jesus*

John 6: 60 - 7:1

## Friday

*Jesus Teaches About What Makes One Unclean*

Matthew 15: 1-20



# Week 9

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## Monday

*Jesus Heals the Gentile Woman's Daughter & Many Others;  
Jesus Feeds the 4,000  
Matthew 15: 21-38*

## Tuesday

*Jesus Warns About the Teaching of the Pharisees & Saducees;  
Jesus Goes to the Feast of Tabernacles  
Matthew 15: 39 - 16:12  
John 7: 2-13*

## Wednesday

*Jesus Establishes His Authority &  
Tensions Rise with the Religious Leaders  
John 7: 14 - 8: 1*

## Thursday

*Jesus Continues to Speak Boldly About Himself  
John 8: 2-59*

## Friday

*Jesus Heals the Blind Man & Calls Himself "The Good Shepherd"  
John 9: 1 - 10: 21*

# Week 10

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## Monday

*Opposition to Jesus at the Feast of Dedication*

John 10: 22-42

## Tuesday

*Jesus Reveals the Fulness of His Identity to the Apostles*

Matthew 16: 13-28

Luke 9: 18-27

## Wednesday

*The Transfiguration*

Matthew 17:1-13

Luke 9: 28-36

## Thursday

*A Lesson on Faith & Jesus Predicts Betrayal*

Matthew 17: 14-27

Luke 9: 37-45

## Friday

*Instructions on Humility & Stumbling Blocks*

Matthew 18: 1-9

Luke 9: 46-50

# Week 11

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## Monday

*Jesus Teaches About Relationships & Forgiveness*  
Matthew 18: 15-35

## Tuesday

*The Cost of Following Jesus*  
Matthew 8: 18-22  
Luke 9: 51-62

## Wednesday

*Jesus Condemns Unrepentant Cities & Sends Out More Witnesses*  
Matthew 11: 20-30  
Luke 10: 1-24

## Thursday

*The Parable of the Good Samaritan; Jesus Visits Mary & Martha*  
Luke 10: 25 - 42

## Friday

*Jesus' Teaching on Prayer*  
Luke 11: 1-13

# Week 12

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## Monday

*Jesus Continues to Challenge the Pharisees*

Matthew 12: 22-37

Luke 11: 14-28

## Tuesday

*The Pharisees Demand a Sign & The Lamp of the Body*

Matthew 12: 38-45

Luke 11: 29-54

## Wednesday

*The Parable of the Rich Fool*

Luke 12: 13-21

## Thursday

*Jesus Tells His Followers to Be Watchful & Ready*

Matthew 24: 43-51

Luke 12: 35-53

## Friday

*Additional Teachings & Parables*

Matthew 13: 31-35

Luke 12: 54 - 13: 21

# Week 13

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## Monday

*Jesus Makes His Way Toward Jerusalem*  
Luke 13: 22-33

## Tuesday

*Instruction on Sabbath & The Parable of the Great Banquet*  
Luke 14: 1-24

## Wednesday

*The Cost of Being a Disciple*  
Luke 14: 25-35

## Thursday

*The Parables of the Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin & The Lost Son*  
Luke 15: 1-32  
Matthew 18: 11-14

## Friday

*The Parable of the Shrewd Manager*  
Luke 16: 1-13

# Week 14

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## Monday

*The Rich Man & Lazarus*  
Luke 16: 14-31

## Tuesday

*Jesus Teaches About Sin, Faith & Duty;*  
*Jesus Heals 10 Lepers*  
Luke 17: 1-19

## Wednesday

*Jesus Teaches on the Second Coming*  
Luke 17: 20-37

## Thursday

*The Parable of the Persistent Widow &*  
*The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector*  
Luke 18: 1-14

## Friday

*Jesus Teaches About Divorce & Blesses the Children*  
Matthew 19: 1-15  
Luke 18: 15-18

# Week 15

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## Monday

*Jesus Raises Lazarus & The Plot to Kill Jesus Intensifies*  
John 11: 1-54

## Tuesday

*The Rich Young Ruler*  
Matthew 19: 16-30  
Luke 18: 18-30

## Wednesday

*Jesus Again Predicts His Death & The Disciples  
Argue About Who's the Greatest*  
Matthew 20: 17-28  
Luke 18: 31-34

## Thursday

*Jesus Restores a Blind Man's Sight*  
Matthew 20: 29-34  
Luke 18: 35-43

## Friday

*Zacchaeus the Tax Collector &  
The Parable of the Ten Minas*  
Luke 19: 1-27

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# *Advent*

Why Did Jesus Appear?

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# Advent

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We've spent the last 15 weeks studying the accounts of Jesus' ministry. We've followed along as He walked the roads of first century Palestine bringing hope & healing to the people and testifying to the truth of God's plan & purposes. We've traced His journey of faithful obedience on His unwavering mission toward the cross, our ultimate hope and healing.

Now we'll pause and look back on Jesus's birth so we can fully appreciate why He came. Philippians 2: 6 tells us that Jesus "who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant." Why did He do this? We'll spend the next four weeks answering this question!

This year, the season of Advent is from Sunday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 30th. We have the opportunity during this season to intentionally pause and focus our minds and hearts on waiting for Christ's arrival. We wait *reflectively*, considering the significance of Christ's arrival two thousand years ago. And we wait *expectantly*, setting our hearts on His coming arrival, when He returns to reunite us with Him forever!

As part of this special season of the year, we'd like to include some additional elements to enhance your time spent in prayer, study and reflection. You'll notice each week contains a section called "Meat for the Week". This brief devotional will accompany your daily reading and is meant to deepen your study and application of the week's content.

Each week will also include a reflection on a Christmas carol, written by our dear Pastor Kevin Robinson as part of his 2021 Christmas Eve sermon. In his sermon notes, Pastor Kevin wrote, "We call them 'Christmas carols,' but they are actually Christian hymns celebrating the incarnation of our Lord and Savior." Later in the message, he went on to say, "The carols that we sing each year do such a magnificent job of underscoring who Jesus is and why He came." The truths he highlighted in each week's hymn will help us better understand the gospel and share it with others. We continue to be blessed by Pastor Kevin's faithful study of God's word!

# Week 16

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## Monday

1 John 3: 1-10  
1 Timothy 1: 15  
Mark 1: 38

## Tuesday

Matthew 1: 1-17

## Wednesday

John 1: 1-18

## Thursday

Luke 1: 1-4

## Friday

Review & Reflect on this Week's Reading

## 1st Sunday of Advent

*Hope*

“O Holy Night”

In O Holy Night, we are reminded that the world was “in sin and error pining,” wasting away until our dear Savior “appeared and the soul felt [the] worth” of His salvation. The word pining speaks of a deep yearning for deliverance. Like Simeon who was looking for the consolation of Israel (Luke 2:25) and Anna who was looking for the redemption of Israel (Luke 2:38), we must look beyond the Babe in the manger and see the One who pleased the Father and satisfied the Righteous Judge’s wrath.

*from Pastor Kevin Robinson's Christmas Eve Sermon  
December 24th, 2021*

## Meat for the Week

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Jesus knew he had come not just to preach the gospel of sacrifice, but also to be that sacrifice. For years Pastor Kevin would say, “You can’t have the cradle without the cross,” for the cross is the very reason Jesus came.

As we prepare to focus this week on hope, we must first recognize our own hopeless condition. Paul David Tripp speaks brilliantly on this in his advent devotional *Come Let Us Adore Him*:

One of the dark character qualities of sin that we don’t recognize as much as we should is unwillingness. We’re often unwilling to do what God says if it doesn’t make sense to us. We’re often unwilling to inconvenience ourselves for the needs of someone else. We’re regularly unwilling to wait. We’re often unwilling to be open and honest. We’re too often unwilling to consider the loving rebuke of another. We struggle to be willing to say no to our own wrong thoughts and desires. We often struggle to be willing to answer God’s ministry call. Often we are unwilling to admit that we are wrong. Too often we struggle to serve willingly and to give generously. Unwillingness is one of sin’s powerful damaging results.

It’s impossible to read these words without feeling the sting of conviction. We are indeed a hopeless people! Yet the hope of the Christmas story is that Jesus WAS willing. He was willing to do what Philippians 2:6 describes, emptying Himself and becoming a servant—a willing servant to an unwilling people, hopeless in our sins. Jesus came to give hope to the hopeless!

In 1 John 3:8 we are reminded, “The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.” We also read in 1 Timothy 1:15, “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost.”

As Tripp says, “...the Advent story reminds us that our past, present, and future hope rest not on our willingness, but on the willingness of the One for whom the angels sang, the shepherds worshipped, and the magi searched. Willing Jesus is the only hope for unwilling sinners!”

# Week 17

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## Monday

Isaiah 9: 6-7, Mark 2: 17 & Titus 2: 13-14

## Tuesday

Luke 1: 5-25

## Wednesday

Luke 1: 26-38

## Thursday

Luke 1: 39-56

## Friday

Review & Reflect on this Week's Reading

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

*Peace*

“Silent Night”

The fact that sinful men and women can experience PEACE with God (and subsequently peace on earth) when they really deserve death is the essence of grace. That is why the author of Silent Night could pen these words, “Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.” Redeeming grace is why Jesus came. It is why He died; so that through Him, sinful men and women might be reconciled and restored to God. The message of Christmas brings sinners to a crossroads, where they must deal with the Person of Jesus Christ. Will you embrace Him as Lord and Savior? Or will you dismiss His claim on your life and reject the salvation He offers? He is the only way of salvation. As the apostle Peter proclaimed about Jesus: “There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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## Meat for the Week

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Why did Jesus come?

The baby in the manger came as the conquering King to dethrone us and to enthrone himself in our hearts. He came to be king, to rule in all power and authority and to establish a kingdom with no end. Mary, I think, understood this well.

Luke 1:46-55 is known as “The Magnificat”. These 10 verses are a song or poem of praise that show us that Mary understood the significance of being chosen by God to give birth to the Son of the Most High. *Magnificat* is a Latin word meaning “magnify”, based on Mary’s declaration in verse 46: “My soul EXALTS the Lord.”

In the verses that follow, she recognizes God as Lord and King; she calls Him Savior, Mighty One and Holy, and she declares him to be both merciful and sovereign over all things. She understood that the birth of Jesus was God’s plan to rescue His people from bondage, scattering the proud and destroying our little kingdoms.

Like children we all want what we want. We all have a tendency to make ourselves the center of our own world and put our wants, needs, thoughts, preferences and feelings first. We want to be sovereign over our lives and write our own rules. We often demand to be served, accepted and respected. And when we don’t get what we want, we easily get angry, not because people have broken God’s law, but because they have broken our law of “happiness”.

Jesus came to free us from this bondage of self, because when we make Him Lord, He calls us to follow Him and changes us from the inside out, making us more like him. In 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 Paul reminds us of this:

For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

The question is, who are you living for today? Have you made Jesus Lord of your life? Are you serving in His eternal kingdom or are you still trying to sit on the throne of your own kingdom?

# Week 18

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## Monday

Philippians 2: 5-8 & John 10: 10

## Tuesday

Luke 1: 57-80

## Wednesday

Matthew 1: 18-25

## Thursday

Luke 2: 1-20

## Friday

Review & Reflect on this Week's Reading

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

*Joy*

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

In God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, tidings of comfort and JOY come from knowing that “Jesus Christ our Savior” was born “to save us all from Satan’s power, when we were gone astray.” Isaiah 53:6 informs us that “all we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Human beings, guilty of disobedience and rebellion against God, are enslaved to sin. They face God’s wrath against them. The Bible says that “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23) and that “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23) including eternal separation from God. But “God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

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## Meat for the Week

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After the Fall of Man in the Garden, God promised that someday a Savior would be born into the world; and that Savior would put an end to the suffering and pain that has plagued mankind ever since. From eternity past, God had calculated the right moment in history for this Savior's entrance onto the world stage. It had to be the right time, the right place, and the right people for the Savior to begin the redirection of the course of man's final chapter of history. The foretelling of this Savior's birth and His mission was mentioned time and again throughout history by many of God's spokesmen. These are just a few examples:

- Moses recorded God's Word in Genesis, "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."
- Job said, " And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God. For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth..."
- King David wrote in the second Psalm, "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."
- King Solomon included Agur's words in the Proverbs and wrote, "Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, If you know?"
- Isaiah described the Savior with these words, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
- Daniel while in Babylonian captivity predicted the Savior's coming, "Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself..."
- Micah, the prophet, declared, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth unto Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."

And so, we see that God's plan of redemption unfolded throughout the Old Testament and culminated in the fulfillment of the prophecies in Jesus the Messiah. Emmanuel, God with us...the incarnate Word! Read Matthew 1:23 and John 1:1 & 14. The prophecies from centuries before had come to pass!

# Week 19

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## Monday

John 3: 16-17 & Mark 10: 45

## Tuesday

Luke 2: 21-38

## Wednesday

Matthew 2: 1-12

## Thursday

Matthew 2: 13-23 & Luke 2: 39-40

## Friday

Review & Reflect on this Week's Reading

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Love

“O Come Let Us Adore Him” and “Angels We Have Heard on High”

The very title of O Come Let Us Adore Him underscores the worshipful attitude that characterizes all those who truly trust in Him. And Angels We Have Heard on

High exhorts one and all to “come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.” The Word of God calls every person to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ – believing in Him, trusting in His sacrifice, and submitting to His authority in life. Read Ephesians 1:3-8a: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in

Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In LOVE He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.”

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Read Matthew 2: 1-23.

Throughout history, men have tried to thwart the Plan of God for the salvation of mankind. From the murder of Abel, to the great tumult before the Global Flood, to the dispersion at the Tower of Babel, to the enslavement of the Jewish people by Pharaoh, to the many battles faced by David, to many prophets who came to warn the nation of Israel of the coming judgement of God, and to the final act of evil by Satan at the cross of Calvary: the Plan of God has used all of these events in history to the glory of God. They demonstrate to the world His love for His creation and in particular His love for His image-bearers, all human beings.

Many men would be God, but only one God would become a man, and by so becoming a man He could pay the price of the sins committed throughout history and satisfy God's justice! Forever solving the problems associated with sin and death was God's intention from the very beginning.

Jesus' life began with many difficulties. There was suspicion regarding the manner of his birth. His family had to flee the evil edicts of Herod by moving from Bethlehem to Egypt and back to Nazareth. He was considered uneducated and poor. He was just a lowly carpenter's son. We esteemed him not.

But when Jesus began His final mission, the difficulties became more and more intense. His words were divisive and yet to many His words brought comfort, peace and healing. Everywhere He went there was opposition to His message. All the while, the Lord was watching over His life so that the final conclusion was the right time, the right place and the right blessing for all of His people throughout the world. Finally, He went to the Cross and sacrificed Himself to satisfy the wrath of God. God judged Jesus for our sakes. Trust the Lord for salvation, for He is the only Way!