

Bible Sunday Sermon

11-30-25

A CHRISTIAN ADVENT SERMON FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Theme: “The King Is Coming—Prepare Him Room!”

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
As we enter this season of Advent, open our hearts to the hope, peace, joy, and love that came to us in Jesus Christ. Let Your Word speak clearly, teach us deeply, and renew our excitement for the coming King. Prepare our hearts as You prepared the world for the birth of Your Son.
In Jesus’ name, amen.

INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” It is a season when believers prepare their hearts to celebrate Christ’s first coming in Bethlehem and to wait with expectation for His second coming in glory.

For centuries God’s people longed for the Messiah. They watched, prayed, hoped, and trusted the promises spoken by the prophets.

And then—in the fullness of time—God moved.

Advent reminds us: God keeps every promise.

I. THE ADVENT OF HOPE

Romans 5:5 NIV

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

1. A Silent World Waiting

For 400 years between Malachi and Matthew, no new prophet spoke. Israel waited in the dark... until God broke the silence.

2. The Angel Gabriel Appears—Hope Awakens

Luke tells us that Gabriel appeared to Zechariah, declaring that John the Baptist would prepare the way:

Luke 1:17 NIV

And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous-to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

This was a direct fulfillment of:

Malachi 4:5 NIV

"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes."

3. Mary Receives the Promise of the Messiah

Luke 1:28 NIV

**The angel went to her and said,
"Greetings, you who are highly favored!
The Lord is with you."**

Mary's child would be the One Israel had prayed for:

Luke 1:32-33 NIV

**He will be great and will be called the
Son of the Most High. The Lord God will
give him the throne of his father David,
[33] and he will reign over Jacob's
descendants forever; his kingdom will
never end."**

Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

When Mary asked, “How can this be?” the angel announced the miracle:

Luke 1:35 NIV

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

4. Hope Has a Name—Jesus

Joseph struggled with Mary's pregnancy until God spoke:

Matthew 1:20 NIV

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:21 NIV

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Hope for forgiveness.

Hope for freedom.

Hope for salvation.

Jesus is the hope of the world.

II. THE ADVENT OF PEACE

Luke 2:14 NIV

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

1. Turmoil in the World—but Peace in God's Plan

Caesar Augustus issued a decree forcing Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem:

Luke 2:3 NIV

And everyone went to their own town to register.

This fulfilled prophecy:

Micah 5:2 NIV

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

People saw political chaos.
God saw perfect timing.

2. The Humble Birth of the Prince of Peace

Luke 2:7 NIV

and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

So Jesus—the King of Kings—was born in a manger.

3. Peace Announced to Shepherds

Shepherds—ordinary, overlooked people—were the first to hear:

Luke 2:10 NIV

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:14 NIV

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Peace had come—not through armies or politics,
but through a Child lying in a manger.

4. Peace Is Not the Absence of Trouble— but the Presence of Jesus

Jesus Himself said:

John 14:27 NIV

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Advent peace is not fragile.
It is God with us—Emmanuel.

III. THE ADVENT OF JOY

Matthew 2:10 NIV

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

1. A Star Appears—The Nations Take Notice

Wise men—Gentiles—saw a star and followed it.

Prophecy had long predicted this:

Isaiah 60:3 NIV

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Numbers 24:17 NIV

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

2. Herod Hears—Not Everyone Wants the King

Herod felt threatened:

Matthew 2:3 NIV

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Psalm 2:2 NIV

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

The same Jesus who brings joy to some brings discomfort to others.

3. The Wise Men Find the Child

The star led them to Jesus:

Matthew 2:11 NIV

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Gold — He is King.
Frankincense — He is God.
Myrrh — He came to die.

4. Joy Is Found at the Feet of Jesus

Real joy comes not from things but from worship.

The wise men rejoiced “with exceeding great joy.”

The closer you get to Jesus, the greater your joy becomes.

IV. THE ADVENT OF LOVE

John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1. The Reason Jesus Came

The cradle was always pointing to the cross.

Luke 19:10 NIV

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2. Fully God. Fully Man. Fully Able to Save.

Jesus was:

- .Born of a virgin
- .Conceived by the Spirit
- .Sinless in every way

So He alone could redeem us.

Isaiah 53:5-6 NIV

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. [6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

3. The Love That Went All the Way

Jesus Himself said:

John 15:13 NIV

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

This is Advent love—love that came down, took on flesh, and gave itself completely.

4. Love That Promises to Return

After Jesus rose and ascended, He gave us another promise:

Acts 1:11 NIV

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Advent not only celebrates His birth—it anticipates His return.

CONCLUSION: THE LIGHT HAS COME

Advent reminds us:

- .Hope has come—Jesus is the Promise.
- .Peace has come—Jesus is Emmanuel.
- .Joy has come—Jesus is the King.
- .Love has come—Jesus is our Savior.

And the King who came...
is coming again.

So we prepare our hearts, we lift our eyes,
and we rejoice:
The Light has come into the world.

CLOSING PRAYER:

**Lord Jesus,
Thank You for coming into our world—
with hope, peace, joy, and love.**

**As we celebrate Your birth this Advent
season, prepare our hearts for Your
return.**

**Help us live in expectation, shining Your
light in a dark world.**

**We worship You, our Savior, our King,
our Emmanuel.**

Amen.