

# **A CHRISTIAN ADVENT SERMON FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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

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## **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.

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## **INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS ADVENT? (3 minutes)**

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.**

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## **I. THE ADVENT OF HOPE (10 minutes)**

*“Hope that does not disappoint us...”  
(Romans 5:5)*

### **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:

“And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

—**Luke 1:17 (NIV)**

This was a direct fulfillment of:

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

—**Malachi 4:5 (NIV)**

## **3. Mary Receives the Promise of the Messiah**

Gabriel then appears to Mary:

“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

—**Luke 1:28 (NIV)**

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

“The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David... of his kingdom there will be no end.”

—**Luke 1:32–33 (NIV)**

“For to us a child is born... Prince of Peace.”

—**Isaiah 9:6–7 (NIV)**

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

“The Holy Spirit will come on you... the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

—**Luke 1:35 (NIV)**

## 4. Hope Has a Name—Jesus

Joseph struggled with Mary's pregnancy until God spoke:

“Do not be afraid... what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

—**Matthew 1:20 (NIV)**

“You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

—**Matthew 1:21 (NIV)**

Hope for forgiveness.

Hope for freedom.

Hope for salvation.

**Jesus is the hope of the world.**

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## II. THE ADVENT OF PEACE (10 minutes)

*“Glory to God... and on earth peace.” (Luke 2:14)*

## **1. Turmoil in the World—but Peace in God’s Plan**

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

“And everyone went to their own town to register.”

—**Luke 2:3 (NIV)**

This fulfilled prophecy:

“But you, Bethlehem... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.”

—**Micah 5:2 (NIV)**

People saw political chaos.

God saw perfect timing.

## **2. The Humble Birth of the Prince of Peace**

When they arrived:

“There was no guest room available for them.”

—**Luke 2:7 (NIV)**

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:

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

—**Luke 2:10 (NIV)**

“Glory to God... peace on earth.”

—**Luke 2:14 (NIV)**

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:

“My peace I give you... Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

—**John 14:27 (NIV)**

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

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### **III. THE ADVENT OF JOY (10 minutes)**

*“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” (Matthew 2:10)*

#### **1. A Star Appears—The Nations Take Notice**

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

Prophecy had long predicted this:

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

—**Isaiah 60:3 (NIV)**

“A star will come out of Jacob.”

—**Numbers 24:17 (NIV)**

#### **2. Herod Hears—Not Everyone Wants the King**

Herod felt threatened:

“He was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.”

—**Matthew 2:3 (NIV)**

“The kings of the earth rise up... against the Lord and against his anointed.”

—**Psalms 2:2 (NIV)**

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:

“They bowed down and worshiped him.”

—**Matthew 2:11 (NIV)**

“They opened their treasures...”

—**Matthew 2:11 (NIV)**

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.

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## **IV. THE ADVENT OF LOVE (10 minutes)**

*“For God so loved the world...” (John 3:16)*

### **1. The Reason Jesus Came**

The cradle was always pointing to the cross.

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

—**Luke 19:10 (NIV)**

“God so loved the world...”

—**John 3:16 (NIV)**

### **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.

“He was pierced for our transgressions...  
the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us  
all.”

—**Isaiah 53:5–6 (NIV)**

### **3. The Love That Went All the Way**

Jesus Himself said:

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

—**John 15:13 (NIV)**

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:

“This same Jesus... will come back.”

—**Acts 1:11 (NIV)**

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

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## **CONCLUSION: THE LIGHT HAS COME (2 minutes)**

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.**

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## **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.