

**A Shepherd** 

**Ezekiel 34** 



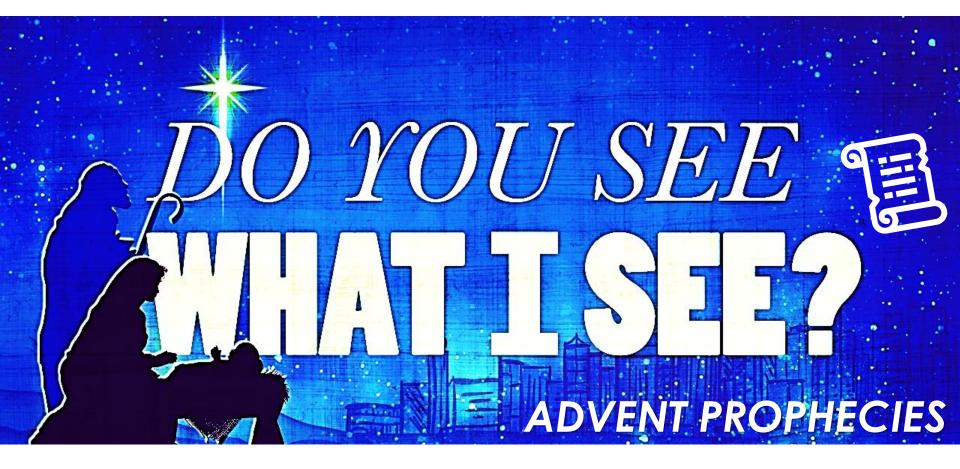
### **Christmas is About Presents**



#### Advent is About Presence

**Anticipate and Celebrate the Presence of Jesus** 

...they will call him Immanuel



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For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries,





and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.





I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.





Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the Israelites, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.



## I myself will search for my sheep



#### **SEARCH & RESCUE**

### For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost

We Needed a Shepherd

God Himself – in the Flesh
I'm Going to Be Your Shepherd



### I myself will tend my sheep



### PROVIDES & PROTECTS

Like Sheep – We're Followers We Need a Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd

Trust the Peace, Provision, & Protection of the Lord

I Will Satisfy You and Bless You



# ...know that I, the LORD their God, am with them ... You are my sheep



#### PRESENCE & POSSESSION

Celebrate His Presence We are His People

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Joy of Intimacy and Relationship



### I'll Become One of Them



### I Myself will Be The Shepherd

### The Good Shepherd Has Come God's Presence Changed Everything

Because of Advent...

God is in Us

God is For Us

God is With Us