

Readings for Advent: In Preparation for Celebrating Christ's Birth

Week One of Advent: Remembering Why Christ Had to Come to Earth

- Why He had to? Genesis 3:1-24, particularly 14 & 15
- What Example Existed? Genesis 22:1-19
- Why a sacrifice had to be made? Leviticus 1:1-9
- What promises were made for a Savior? Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-10; Jeremiah 33:14-18

Week Two of Advent: Recalling What Happened Before Christ's Birth

- John the Baptist's Birth & Gabriel's Appearance to the Virgin Mary: Luke 1:5-80
- Prophecies Regarding John the Baptist and Jesus Christ: Malachi 3:1-4
- Ministry of John the Baptist: Luke 3:1-6
- Mary's Predicament Put Into Perspective: Deuteronomy 22:13-20, particularly 20-21
- Joseph's Response to the Angel: Matthew 1:18-25

Week Three of Advent: Seeing the Results of Christ's Advent

- Word Became Flesh: John 1:1-18
- What Christ Did: Colossians 1:15-23
- His Purpose for Coming: John 3:14-21, particularly 16-17
- Results of His Coming: Romans 5:6-11,19; Hebrews 9:11-28; Romans 5:1-12,17
- Hope for Israel: Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Christ's Description: Isaiah 61:1-3; Isaiah 53:1-12

Week Four of Advent: Asking Where Your Heart Is

- Where is your heart in this season and the rest of the year? Luke 12:33-34
- Is it a "Moment" or is it a Way of Life? James 1:26-27
- What Did Jesus Say? Matthew 6:1-34
- God is Good: James 1:6-17
- Give and do good with your life: 2 Corinthians 9:7-8
- Christ will come again – as King: Micah 5:2-5a

Christmas Day: Looking Backwards & Forwards

- Luke's Account: Luke 21:1-40
- Matthew's Account: Matthew 1-2
- Word Became Flesh: John 1:1-18
- Jesus will come again: Revelation 22:1-20
- Love is this...: 1 Corinthians 13**
- Love is Sacrificial, and Jesus was our Example: John 15:12-13
- Jesus' Commission to the Church, the Body of Christ: Matthew 28:18-20

** Someone suggested exchanging *love* for *Jesus* when reading verses 4-7. It is an intriguing way to read the passage. This document was put together by Courtney Lambert and may be freely printed and distributed for personal use.