



HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE CHRIST

WITH US





# ADVENT

LOVE WITH US



What is the advent of Jesus?





**Advent: “arrival”**  
*Anticipating the Messiah*

**ISAIAH 9**

- to defeat Israel's enemies
- to bring justice and freedom
- to be the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace that brings the final victory

**MICAH 5**

- The ruler over Israel will arrive through Bethlehem.






# A Doctor's Investigation

## LUKE 1:1-4 NIV

Many have undertaken to draw up **an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,**<sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.<sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have **carefully investigated everything** from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus,<sup>4</sup> so that **you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.**








## God's chosen savior king is arriving

### LUKE 2:1-4 NIV

In those days **Caesar Augustus issued a decree** that a census should be taken of the entire **Roman world.** <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, **to Bethlehem the town of David,** because he belonged to the house and **line of David.**





The advent of Jesus is **good news.**





For whom is the advent of Jesus  
good news?








**MIGHTY MESSIAH**  
**has arrived for everyone**  
*not robes + palace*  
*but cloths + manger*

LUKE 2:5-7 NIV

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> 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.





# GOOD NEWS

*humble shepherds*

## LUKE 2:8-10a NIV

And there were **shepherds living out in the fields** nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An **angel of the Lord** appeared to them, and the **glory of the Lord shone** around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “**Do not be afraid. I bring you good news** that will cause great joy...”





GOOD NEWS  
*humble shepherds  
all people*

LUKE 2:10-11 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.** <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”







# GOOD NEWS

*humble shepherds  
all people  
on earth*

## LUKE 2:12-14 NIV

“This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> **“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**





The advent of Jesus is good news  
for everyone, everywhere.





Why is the advent of Jesus good news  
for everyone, everywhere?







LUKE 19:10 NIV

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

1 JOHN 4:9-10 NIV

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.





His ways are higher  
than our ways

God's love comes in Christ:

- Not to destroy, but to save
- Not to discriminate, but to unify
- Not to kill, but to sacrifice
- Not to be served, but to serve





# God's Love in Christ's Advent

The advent of Jesus was meek:

- Powerful, yet humble
- Majestic, yet personal
- Terrifying, yet for you
- Sufficient, yet inviting us to partner





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for everyone, everywhere.





How do we respond?





# GOOD NEWS

*received*

## LUKE 2:15-16 NIV

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “**Let’s go to Bethlehem and see** this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.





# GOOD NEWS

*received  
proclaimed*

## LUKE 2:17-18 NIV

When they had seen him, **they spread the word concerning** what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.





# GOOD NEWS

*received  
proclaimed  
treasured*

## LUKE 2:19-21 NIV

But **Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.** <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, **glorifying and praising God** for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

<sup>21</sup> On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

