

**Advent in the
Gospel of Matthew**

**Advent - preparation for
Jesus "arrival" or coming to earth**



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**Second
Coming**

Today's Outline

Who is Jesus?

His Birth

John the Baptist's ministry

Repentance

Kingdom of Heaven

Relevance to Us

Who is Jesus?

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Mt 1:1 (ESV)

**genealogy - genesis - new
beginning, new life**

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, ...

and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by **the wife of Uriah**, ...

Mt 1:2-3a, 5-6 (ESV)

and Jacob the father of Joseph the
husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was
born, who is called Christ.

Mt 1:16 (ESV)

**expecting the Messiah,
the anointed one**

Who is Jesus?

Son of David

- blind men calling for mercy (Mt 9:27)
- Canaanite woman (Mt 15:22)
- crowds as Jesus entered Jerusalem
(Mt 21:9, 15)
- Pharisees noted the Christ was the Son
of David (Mt 22:41-46)

The Birth of Jesus

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Mt 1:18 (ESV)

Joseph's Plan

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

Mt 1:19 (ESV)

God's Plan

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Mt 1:20-21 (ESV)

Fulfillment of Prophecy

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Mt 1:22-25 (ESV)

Implications

- who's going to believe this?
- inheritance (including land)
- responsible for caring for family
- HOW to raise Jesus?

obedience and trust

John the Baptist - Repent

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, **“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.”**

Mt 3:1-3 (ESV)

Jesus' Ministry - Repent

- Capernaum in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mt 4:17 (ESV)

Repentance

- changing of one's mind and heart

- four aspects

1 a true sense of one's own guilt and sinfulness;

2 an apprehension of God's mercy in Christ;

3 an actual hatred of sin and turning from it to God; and

4 a persistent endeavour after a holy life in a walking with God in the way of his commandments.

from Easton's bible dictionary

John the Baptist

I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Mt 3:11-12 (ESV)

Take up your Cross

whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Mt 10:38-39 (ESV)

Jesus - God's Beloved Son

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”** Mt 3:16-17

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Mt 17:5 (ESV)

Who is Jesus?

Son of David

Immanuel (God with us)

Son of God

Son of Man

Jesus Came to Fulfill

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Mt 5:17 (ESV)

Jesus Came for Sinners

“And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

Mt 9:10-13 (ESV)

John Seeks Confirmation

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Mt 11:2-6 (ESV)

Watch and Be Ready

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Mt 24:30-31 (ESV)

When will this Happen?

But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

Mt 24:36 (ESV)

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Mt 24:44 (ESV)

The Sheep and The Goats

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne ... and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

- sheep are blessed, inherit the kingdom
- goats are cursed, sent to the eternal fire

from Mt 25:31-41 (ESV)

The Great Commission

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mt 28:18-20 (ESV)

Application

- the gospel is available to all

“The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This Advent Season

- make time to:
 - read more of God's word
 - focus on who Jesus is
 - reflect on God's mercy, grace, and love
 - reflect on how we should live
- commit to:
 - putting Jesus first in all things