

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Advent

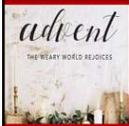
The Weary World Rejoices

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Study Schedule December 2020

Date	Topic	Scriptures
12/9/2020	The Need For Advent	Gen. 3:9 – 20; Isa. 9:2, 6 -7
12/16/2020	The Reality of Advent	Isa. 7:6 – 14; Luke 1:30 – 38
12/23/2020	Winter Break	No Study
12/30/2020	Winter Break	No Study
1/6/2021	Winter Break	No Study



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This Week's Lesson – December 16, 2020

Advent: The Weary World Rejoices

Lesson 2:

The Reality Of Advent

Isa. 7:6 – 14; Luke 1:30 – 38



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Group Discussion: Why is the Virgin Birth of Jesus such an important part of God's plan of salvation?

- **It Confirms Jesus' Heavenly Origin** - If Joseph were His father, Jesus would be the Son of God
- **It Confirms Jesus' Sinless Nature** - If Jesus had a human father, then He would have inherited Adam's sinful nature
- **It Confirms Jesus' Uniqueness** - From His entrance to His departure, the life of Jesus Christ was a miracle.
- **It Confirms The Prophecy of Christ** – The OT foretells the Virgin Birth hundreds of years before it happened (Gen 3:15, Isa. 7:14) – Because The Bible Says So!



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ISAIAH				
The Judgment of God		The Deliverance of God		
		THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD	THE SERVANT OF THE LORD	THE FUTURE PLAN OF THE LORD
		THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD	THE SERVANT OF THE LORD Servant Songs: 42:1-9 49:1-13 50:4-11 52:13-53:12	THE FUTURE PLAN OF THE LORD
<i>CHAPTERS</i> 1-39		<i>CHAPTERS</i> 40-48	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 49-53	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 54-66
Emphasis	The law and judgment for disobedience	Comfort . . .	God's grace and deliverance Promise . . .	Hope . . .
"Bible within Bible"	Old Testament	New Testament		
Theme	The justice and mercy of God			
Key Verses	2:3-5; 6:1-3; 53:1-12			
Christ in Isaiah	His first and second advents are prophesied throughout the book (child of a virgin in 7:14, the shoot from the stem of Jesse in chapter 11, the Suffering Servant in chapter 53).			

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Read Isaiah 7:5 – 14

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Isaiah 7:5 – 8 (NKJV)

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying,

6 “Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel”—

7 thus says the Lord God: **“It shall not stand, Nor shall it come to pass.**

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, And the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken, So that it will not be a people.



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Isaiah 7:9 – 14 (NKJV)

9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And the head of Samaria is Remaliah’s son. If you will not believe, Surely you shall not be established.” ’ ”

10 Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

11 **“Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God;** ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!”

13 Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?”



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Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV)

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**



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1. What had Rezin and Pekah conspired to do in Jerusalem? (vv. 5,6)

- **Distress The People** – They conspired to bring fear to the people through threats, and surrounding with their armies
- **Destroy The Protection** – To destroy the walls of Jerusalem – creating holes for them to march through.
- **Displace The Present Leadership** – To get rid of the current king and the Biblical principles with their own king (the son of Tabel...)



Note: *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)*

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2. What was God's judgment concerning their conspiracy? (vv. 4,7)

- **Protection For His People** - Despite the sins and shortcomings of His people – God still protects them from the enemies.
- **Refutation of their Power** – God calls them “stubs of smoking firebrands” (flashes that will be extinguished after only a short time).
- **Cancellation of their Plans** – The Enemy may launch attacks – but God has decreed that they will not succeed.



No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. Isa. 54:17 (NKJV)

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3. How did God test Ahaz's faith? (vv.10-12) What was God's sentence upon Ahaz's unbelief? (v. 9b)

- **Gracious Proclamation of the Word** – God Graciously repeats the Word from Isaiah to Ahaz to reassure him during this most difficult time.
- **Gracious Conformation of the Word** – God graciously offers Ahaz the wonderful and rare opportunity to ask for any sign he wants.
- **Disappointing Cancellation of the Word** - Ahaz would miss out on seeing God's promises of protection and blessings



“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”

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4. With whom is the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14-16 concerned? (cf. Matthew 1:20-23)

- **Present Tense**: A child born in the time of King Ahaz was as a sign to Judah would be delivered from attacks by Israel and Syria
- **Future Tense**: A second, far-reaching implication of Isaiah's prophecy about a child named Immanuel concerned the birth of Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah.

"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." – Matt. 1:22 – 23 (NKJV)



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Read Luke 1:30 – 38

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Luke 1:30 – 34 (NKJV)

30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found **favor with God**.

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call **His name Jesus**.

32 He will be great, and will be called the **Son of the Highest**; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”



34 Then Mary said to the angel, “**How can this be, since I do not know a man?**”

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Luke 1:35 – 38 (NKJV)

35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that **Holy One** who is to be born will be called the **Son of God**.

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

37 **For with God nothing will be impossible.**”



38 Then Mary said, “**Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.**” And the angel departed from her.

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5. What insight does the term favor (grace) give you into why God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus?

- **Grace/Favor in Preparation:** God used His Spirit and His Word to prepare Mary's heart and mind for His special purpose.
- **Grace/Favor In Preservation:** God kept Mary pure and holy – set apart in order to be used as the mother of Our Lord.
- **Grace/Favor in the Proclamation:** The angel Gabriel – who stands at the throne of Heaven, declare that Mary has found favor with The Lord.



Note: *Mary's "blessed and highly favored" status was a gift bestowed to her by God.*

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6. Consider the names/titles of the Holy Child. How does these describe the hope we have in Christ?

- **Jesus:** (Jehovah saves) In His Name we have the sure hope of salvation from sin and eternal life.
- **Son Of the Highest/Son OF God:** Jesus is the Son of God Therefore equal with God – with all power to protect and provide.
- **Holy One:** God's Messiah – The One set apart and identified by the Father through whom all the world can trust.



"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus..." 1 Tim. 2:5

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7. Do you think Mary's question was an expression of doubt (v. 34)? Explain.

Points To Ponder – Mary's Question

- **Question Of Wonder** Mary is in awe – not of Doubt of God's ability to do exactly what He has said
- **Question of Process:** Mary unlike Zechariah in Vs 34 - who questioned the possibility while Mary questioned the method.

"I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."
Jer. 17:10 ESV

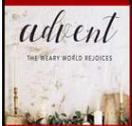


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8. What is indicated by Mary's response in vs. 38? What areas of God's calling on your life do you need to accept?

Then Mary said, "**Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.**" And the angel departed from her.

- **Confession** – Behold the servant of the Lord – Mary confesses his faith and obedience to the Lord.
- **Submission** – She submits to the Word and Will of the Lord.
- **Reception** – Implicitly accepting whatever hardships and dangers associated with God's Calling.



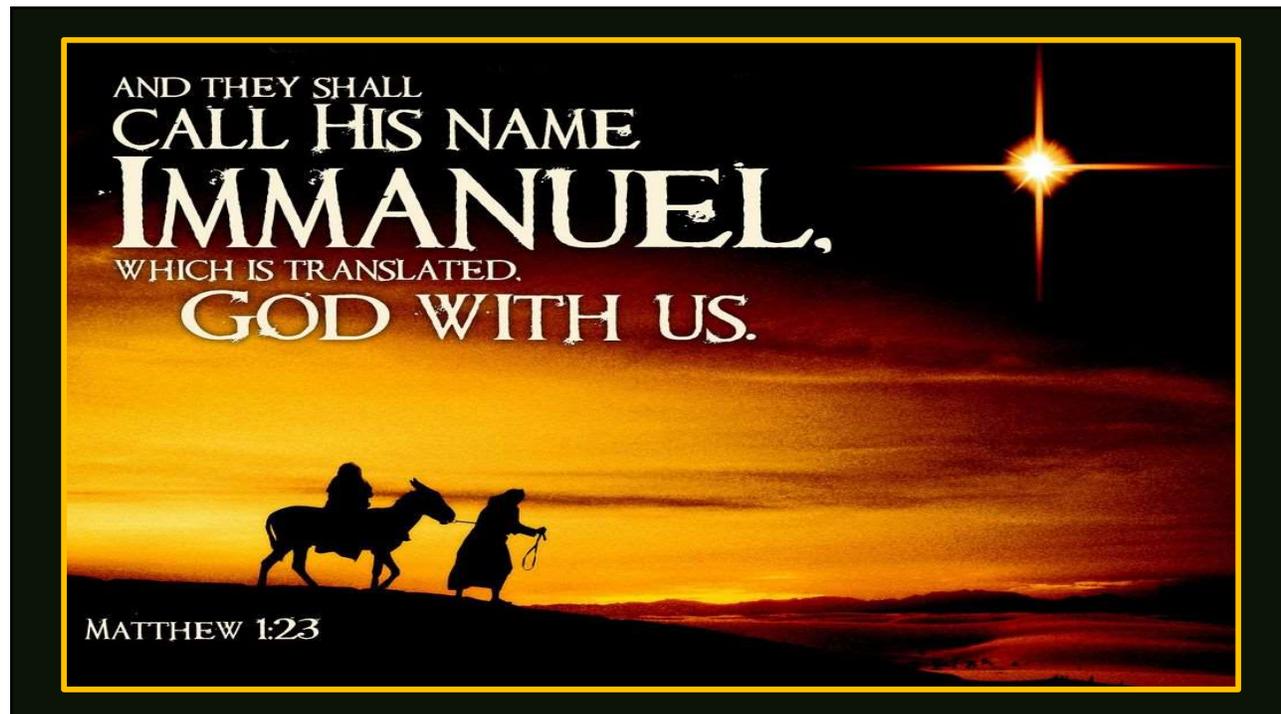
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Keys For Living

- Because of His great love for His people, God is committed to delivering us from our troubles – even when they are of our own making.
- The Virgin Birth demonstrates the sinlessness, and the humanness of Jesus – while also showing that with God nothing is impossible.
- Advent reminds us that Jesus is Our Immanuel. God sent His Son to live among us and die for us on the cross. His resurrection assures of justification and His triumphant return.



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