

SERMON NOTES Sunday 28 November

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Bible passages: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Luke 21.25-36

Introduction

Advent – two key words:

- come – come Lord Jesus; come follow me
- wait – expectantly, faithfully and hopefully

1. wait expectantly

- expectant because of God's promises
- expectant because believe Jesus come again
- expectant because the kingdom of God is near

2. wait faithfully

- prepare to celebrate Christ child and for Second Coming
- Clean – confession – get spiritually ready
- Read – Bible and books – learn more about God, what his ways look like and what to expect when he comes again

3. wait hopefully

- God faithful to his promise to David and Levi when sent Jesus (Jeremiah)
- Israel had to wait hundreds of years for Messiah – some actively waiting (e.g Simeon and Anna); others not
- do we look for God's kingdom which is near and work for it?

Conclusion

How will we wait this Advent? How will we prepare for the coming of the King? Let's do it joyfully:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Some questions for discussion

1. What does Advent mean to you?
2. Read Jeremiah 33.14-16. What do you notice?
3. Who can you think of in the Bible who waited expectantly for Jesus and who didn't? What difference did their attitude make to their behaviour?
4. Read Luke 21.25-36. How do you feel about what Jesus says about the end days?
5. What might it look like for you to wait expectantly for Jesus to come again?
6. How might you use this Advent to prepare to celebrate the Christ child and for Jesus to come again?
7. What signs can you see that the Kingdom of God is near?
8. How might you practise seeing God's Kingdom in your life and the world around you?
9. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through these passages? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

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Why not spend some time thanking God for Jesus and praying 'Come, Lord Jesus'?

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