

Finding Hope in Our Uncertainties

Luke 2:22–38

Rediscover Christmas Series / Part 1 of 4

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“Advent” means **coming** or **arrival**. It links **past, present, and future**:

- We **look back** and share in Israel’s long wait for the Messiah.
- We **celebrate now** that Jesus **has come**—Immanuel, God with us.
- We **look ahead** with confidence to Jesus’ **second coming**.

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1) Hope Sees _____

- Hope looks **past what is** and **believes what God can do**.
- Hope **chases away darkness** because **God is with us**.
- Hope **gives you eyes** to see God’s salvation in your arms before it’s fully unveiled in the world.

2) _____ God With Us — Here, Now, Always

The heart of Advent hope is this: **Immanuel—God with us**. God’s presence is not theoretical; it’s personal and near.

Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 43:1-2

3) Hope Inspires Us to _____

Christians are hope-carriers. We bring **presence, prayer, and practical help**. We point to Jesus—the One who **forgives sin, mends hearts, and promises life**.

Advent Responses for the Week —Hope:

1. **Wait with God**. Set aside 10 unrushed minutes a day. Read Luke 2:22–38 slowly. Ask, “Lord, where are You inviting me to wait with hope?”
2. **Name Where You Need Hope**. Write a sentence: “Lord, I need hope in _____.”
3. **Share One Word of Hope**. Choose one person. Offer **presence** (a visit), **prayer** (right then), or **practical help** (a meal, a ride, childcare). Let them taste the hope you’ve received.

Begin reading DAY 1 —Rediscover Christmas Devotional by Nate Marsh

Questions for Further Study

1. Where in your life do you feel like you are “waiting on God” right now?
2. What circumstance in your life right now is hardest to “see beyond”? Why?
 - How could God be at work in ways that are not immediately visible?
3. In what ways have you sensed the Spirit prompting you recently? Did you respond or ignore the prompting? Why?
4. If you believed God was fully present in your situation, how would that change your emotional response, your decisions, or your prayers?
5. What simple step of presence, prayer, or practical help could you take this week to help someone who is hurting during this season?