

The Season of Advent:
The Bethlehem Sunday of Faith, Preparation and LOVE
Sunday, December 13, 2020

- * During our first Sunday of Advent we looked at how God began to prepare the world for His answer to The Fall of Man!
- * He first told the Serpent in the Garden that “there was One coming” Who would restore Man to the image of God!
- * This “One Who was coming” would restore the ability of “walking with God!”
- * The prophets began to talk about this coming event!
- * We saw how Moses, David and then Mary all began to sing their songs about this supernatural event when God came in flesh to the earth!!
- * That was what the Church Fathers would call “The Hope of Advent!”

I. The first mention of the coming Messiah!

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

A. Jesus (who wasn't called "Jesus" yet) was mentioned in context of "the seed."

1. The Hebrew simply means; posterity of offspring.
2. The root actually means; to sow or disseminate!
3. Disseminate means; to scatter widely, to spread abroad.

B. This definition of "disseminate" sounds much like Isaiah 9:6-7!

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and

justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

1. Now, let's consider that WE are part of this dissemination or scattering!

Romans 8:17

If children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

2. YOU are part of the Promise of Christmas!

I Corinthians 15:20

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

3. We were created to co-reign with God in His creation, but we sinned and died spiritually!
4. Jesus, the seed of woman, came and died our death so He could "disseminate us and establish our co-reign with God!
5. This is the simple and familiar instruction of Jesus:

Matthew 6:10

10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

II. The day the Word became flesh!

John 1:1-5, 14, I John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 John 1:1-3

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life; 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us; 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

A. Remember, ask questions and look for the story within the story!

1. We know and accept that the Son was with the Father before the incarnation or birth at Bethlehem.
2. Why is the Son referred to as “The Word?”
3. “The Word” is of course the Greek word “logos” which means “something said” or “spoken.”
4. But here is the kicker!

B. The root word is “lego”...like the toy.

1. It means; systematic or set discourse, to lay a course and relate in words!
2. The “systematic discourse of God” became flesh and re-ordered the creation of God back to the created purposes of the Father!

Hebrews 1:1-3

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

3. “All things were made through Him.”
4. “Darkness couldn’t overpower Him” or stop the discourse!
5. He is the “Word/Discourse” of life!

C. Remember, we are “joint-heirs” with Christ.

1. We are part of the conversation!
2. That’s why “whatever we bind shall have been bound” and “whatever we loose shall have been loosed!”