



ADVENT

November 27 -
December 24

2022

Guide and Reading Schedule

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What is Advent?

Advent is a term originally derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival". For centuries, Christians have celebrated Advent to remember Jesus' first coming and joyfully anticipate His second. From His lowly birth in a feed trough to His humble life among the people of Israel, Advent is a focused time to remember God's humility and faithfulness and to stir our expectation for Jesus' return to gloriously rule the earth from Jerusalem and fulfill his covenantal promises to Israel.

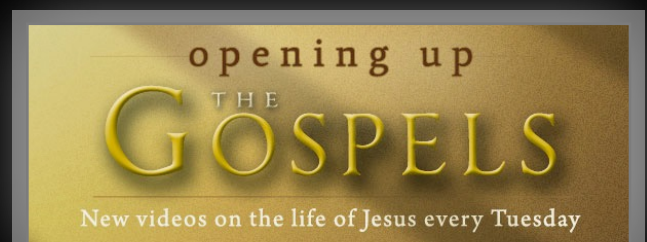
When does Advent begin?

The Advent season officially commences on the fourth Sunday (Advent Sunday) before Christmas and continues until Christmas Eve or Day. In 2022, Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th and ends on Saturday, December 24th.

How do I celebrate Advent?

Throughout history Christians have celebrated Advent through a variety of traditions. The Advent calendar is probably the most secularized Advent tradition (though probably originally conceived by German Lutherans) and counts down 24 days until Christmas, anticipating the final day which represents the first coming of Christ. Advent candles are also popular in celebrating the season, the symbol being borrowed from passages like Matthew 4:16 and John 1:4-9 where Jesus is described as the light of the world. Some burn one candle a little bit each day to anticipate the continual burning of it on Christmas day. Others use a wreath with four or five candles, lighting one candle each Sunday during Advent until Christmas Eve or Day when the final "Christ candle" is lit, representing Christ's arrival.

Whether or not you celebrate with a tradition, the heart of Advent is to reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and look forward to his coming reign from Jerusalem. Unto that end, this brief guide provides a schedule of Scripture readings from the Gospels and from the Old Testament as well as several recommended short videos from the *Opening Up the Gospels* series by Joshua Hawkins to aid you in your meditation.



Opening Up the Gospels is a video series narrating through the life of Jesus as told by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. View all of the episodes and more at:

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Read each passage, pray and journal privately, or discuss with friends and family. The suggested *Opening Up the Gospels* episodes are short videos to aid your meditation on the story of Jesus' birth and can be watched at <http://www.joshuahawkins.com/gospels>. Each episode is about 10 minutes long. You may also be able to click the episode link for each day directly from this guide.

Day	First Coming	Second Coming / Prophetic Literature	<i>Opening Up the Gospels</i> episode
Sunday, November 27 th	Matthew 1-2	Genesis 3, Numbers 24	
Monday, November 28 th	John 1	Deuteronomy 17-18	#11, "Zechariah and Elizabeth"
Tuesday, November 29 th	Luke 1-3	Deuteronomy 32-33	#12, "Zechariah and the angel Gabriel"
Wednesday, November 30 th	Luke 4-6	1 Samuel 2; 2 Samuel 7	#13, "Announcing the Birth of Jesus"
Thursday, December 1 st	Luke 7-9	Psalms 2, 24	#14, "Mary and Elizabeth"
Friday, December 2 nd	Luke 10-12	Psalms 47, 48	#15, "The Birth of John and the Scandal in Nazareth"
Saturday, December 3 rd	Luke 13-15	Psalms 72, 75	#16, "Joseph's First Dream"
Sunday, December 4 th	Matthew 1-2	Psalms 89	
Monday, December 5 th	John 1	Psalms 110, 118	#17, "The Census and the Journey to Bethlehem"
Tuesday, December 6 th	Luke 16-18	Isaiah 2, 4	#18, "The Birth of Jesus, Part 1"
Wednesday, December 7 th	Luke 19-21	Isaiah 9, 11	#19, "The Birth of Jesus, Part 2"
Thursday, December 8 th	Luke 22-24	Isaiah 24, 25	#20, "The Birth of Jesus, Part 3"
Friday, December 9 th	John 1-2	Isaiah 32, 35	#21, "The Shepherds, Part 1"
Saturday, December 10 th	John 3-4	Isaiah 40, 53	#22, "The Shepherds, Part 2"
Sunday, December 11 th	Luke 1-2	Isaiah 62, 63	
Monday, December 12 th	John 1	Jeremiah 25, 33	#23, "The Early Days of Jesus"
Tuesday, December 13 th	John 5-6	Daniel 2, 7; Joel 2-3	#24, "Simeon, Part 1"
Wednesday, December 14 th	John 7-8	Zephaniah 3; Habakkuk 3	#25, "Simeon, Part 2"
Thursday, December 15 th	John 9-10	Zechariah 13-14; Malachi 3-4	#26, "Anna"
Friday, December 16 th	John 11-12	Matthew 24-25	#27, "The Visit of the Magi, Part 1"
Saturday, December 17 th	John 13-14	1 Corinthians 15; Hebrews 12	#28, "The Visit of the Magi, Part 2"
Sunday, December 18 th	Matthew 1-2	2 Timothy 3-4	
Monday, December 19 th	John 1	1 Thessalonians 4-5	#29, "The Flight to Egypt"
Tuesday, December 20 th	John 15-16	2 Thessalonians 2-3	#30, "The Childhood of Jesus"
Wednesday, December 21 st	John 17-18	1 Peter 1; 2 Peter 3	#31, "Jesus at Twelve"
Thursday, December 22 nd	John 19-20	Revelation 5-6	#32, "Eighteen Years of Silence"
Friday, December 23 rd	John 21-22	Revelation 14-15	"Biblical Foundations of Messiah and Christ"
Saturday, December 24 th	Luke 1-2, John 1	Revelation 19-22	

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