

CITYLIGHT CHURCH



WHO IS THE
KING OF GLORY?



ADVENT 2020

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Additional encouragement

We understand the Advent season can bring mixed emotions—especially after a year like the one we just had. In light of this, we've asked our pastors, staff, counselors and some of our members to write letters—to you—to encourage you in one of five specific struggles you may have this season. You can pick all of them if you want or just one. We hope these letters can either be a source of hope for you or give you words to encourage others in your life who are struggling in this season.

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Christmas changes everything. Christmas reveals our hope and shows God's great love for the world (John 3:16). At Christmas, as the Bible explains to us, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin. Jesus lived on the earth for the next three decades performing miracles and proclaiming repentance before fulfilling the ultimate purpose that God the Father had given Him: dying for our sins. Then three days later, Jesus rose from the grave, leaving the tomb empty and conquering sin and death so that all who believe in Him would have eternal life. Christmas, the coming of Christ, proclaims God's great love for His people.

Christmas creates a fresh hunger and longing for more of Jesus. We want to experience the truth of all that Jesus is. To that end, we will be studying four passages of Scripture together during our worship services this Advent season that are all about Jesus. They reveal to us His glory, humility, humanity, and divinity. Said another way, Jesus is glorious, He graciously died for our sins, He was fully God and fully man while on the earth, and He is ruling and reigning at the right hand of God our Father.

This Advent season we invite you to use this journal to experience more of Jesus. Each day you will find a passage of Scripture with three simple prompts to guide your thoughts as you read. These daily readings will prepare our hearts throughout the week for the passages that will be preached on Sunday mornings.

Together let's celebrate Christmas by fixing our eyes on Jesus Christ, Immanuel, our Messiah.

*Merry Christmas,
Citylight Pastors*



HE IS THE

RADIANCE



OF THE



GLORY OF GOD

AND THE EXACT
IMPRINT OF HIS NATURE



DECEMBER 6, 2020



HEBREWS 1:1-4

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Read Psalm 22

What does this passage teach you about the person, work or promises of Jesus?

What is at least one way this passage is calling you to feel, think or act?

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, request, confession of sin, and thanksgiving. Take some time to pray in these ways on the basis of this passage.

Read Isaiah 45

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Read Matthew 1:1 – 2:12

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Read Romans 15:1-13

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Read Romans 5

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Read Philippians 2:5–11

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DECEMBER 13, 2020



PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Read Psalm 8

What does this passage teach you about the person, work or promises of Jesus?

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Read Genesis 1

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Read John 1:1-18

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Read Colossians 1:15–23

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Read John 20-21

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Read 1 John 1:1–4

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THE LIFE WAS MADE MANIFEST



AND WE HAVE SEEN IT
AND TESTIFY TO IT AND PROCLAIM TO YOU

THE ETERNAL LIFE

DECEMBER 20, 2020



1 JOHN 1:1-4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Read Psalm 2

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Read Genesis 3

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Read Luke 2:1-21

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Read Revelation 12

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BLOOD OF THE LAMB

AND BY THE WORD OF THEIR
• TESTIMONY •



DECEMBER 24, 2020



REVELATION 12

¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

²She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

⁵She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, →

“Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.



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