

14. Do you think that indifference to Jesus may be worse than outright hostility towards Him? Explain.

Why did Jesus condemn the Laodicean church (*Revelation 3:14-19*)? Are you guilty of this? If so, what needs to happen?

15. Are you making time to spend time with Jesus, contemplating His incarnation, and thanking and praising Him?

16. Who are you praying for that you may share the gospel with them?

Quotes to Ponder

If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: "God with us." We tend to focus our attention at Christmas on the infancy of Christ. The greater truth of the holiday is His deity. More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent Creator of the heavens and the earth!

John MacArthur

Imagine for a moment becoming a baby again: giving up language and muscle coordination, and the ability to eat solid food and control your bladder. God as a fetus! Or imagine yourself becoming a sea slug — that analogy is probably closer. On that day in Bethlehem, the Maker of all that is took form as a helpless, dependent Newborn.

Philip Yancey

Jesus Christ is not the best human being, He is a Being who cannot be accounted for by the human race at all. He is not man becoming God, but God incarnate, God coming into human flesh, coming into it from outside. His life is the highest and the holiest entering in at the lowliest door. Our Lord's birth was an advent.

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Advent #2: Luke 2:21-38

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1. Be Willing to Wait

2. Know God Keeps His Promises

3. Go and Proclaim His Works

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. Why did Joseph & Mary take Jesus to the Temple (*Luke 2:21-24, 27*)?

3. What was Simeon doing at the Temple (*Luke 2:25*)? Anna (*Luke 2:36-37*)?

4. How did Simeon respond to seeing and holding *the Lord's Christ* (*Luke 2:26-32*)?

5. How did Anna respond to meeting Jesus (*Luke 2:38*)?

6. *Anna* and *Hannah* are the same name. How are these two ladies similar in their actions (*1 Samuel 2:1-10; Luke 2:36-38*)?

7. If you were Joseph or Mary, what would your response have been to these two encounters?

8. What message did Simeon have for Mary (*Luke 2:35-36*)?

When was this fulfilled (*John 19:25-27*)?

9. Read *Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-79*. Does news of this kind of happening spread rapidly? Obviously, God was doing something after being silent for 400 years. How would you have expected the priests and nation respond to this?

10. Why didn't any of the religious leaders greet Jesus as Simeon and Anna did (see also *Matthew 2:4-6*)?

11. What reasons might there be that the religious leaders didn't acknowledge Jesus' birth?

12. Many people seek information from the Bible to use for their own ends rather than in the manner God designed it (see *Matthew 2:4-6*). If you are guilty of this, what will you do to prevent it from continuing?

13. The religious leaders missed Christmas. Why do you think so many people today miss Christmas?