

9. How much does the name *Jesus* mean to you? Enough to yield your whole life to Him and allow Him to transform it?

10. How can we pray for each other this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The One born in such lowly surroundings—in a stable, of poor parents, laid in an animal’s manger—was nevertheless the God of glory, whose splendor before the incarnation surpassed that even of those heavenly beings who announced His birth to the shepherds. Here is a baby. But He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is God in a stable. He is the supreme potentate of the universe among His own lowly cattle.

James Montgomery Boice

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Savior of mankind!*

Bernard of Clairvaux

Ponder the achievement of God. He doesn’t condone our sin, nor does He compromise His standard. He doesn’t ignore our rebellion, nor does He relax His demands. Rather than dismiss our sin, He assumes our sin and, incredibly, sentences Himself. God’s holiness is honored. Our sin is punished ... and we are redeemed. God does what we cannot do so we can be what we dare not dream: perfect before God.

Max Lucado

Non-Christians seem to think that the Incarnation implies some particular merit or excellence in humanity. But of course it implies just the reverse: a particular demerit and depravity. No creature that deserved Redemption would need to be redeemed. They that are whole need not the physician.

Christ died for men precisely because men are not worth dying for; to make them worth it.

C. S. Lewis



Advent #2: Matthew 1:18-2:4

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

Romans 8:2 —

Ephesians 2:13 —

2. How does the text and sermon apply to your everyday life?

1 Corinthians 15:57 —

Philippians 3:14 —

3. Why was the choice of a name for their Son such an easy one for Joseph & Mary?

2 Corinthians 5:18 —

1 Thessalonians 5:9 —

4. What does the name *Jesus* mean? What is its Old Testament equivalent?

7. In light of *Acts 4:12*, how would you respond to a statement like, “Jesus is just another name for the same God worshiped by other religions”?

5. How do the following verses describe Jesus?

Philippians 2:10-11 —

Hebrews 13:8 —

8. Why did Jesus come according to His words in the following verses?

Matthew 5:17 —

John 6:38 —

2 Thessalonians 1:7 —

1 John 2:1 —

Matthew 10:34-35 —

John 9:39 —

6. What benefits for every believer are connected with His name in the passages below?

Romans 5:15 —

Galatians 3:26 —

Luke 19:10 —

John 10:10 —

John 5:43 —

John 12:46 —