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What has caught your attention about Wonder?

Do you see the Wonder of Christ at Christmas?

Are we too busy to even notice the Wonder of the Christmas Story?

If you want to be captured by Wonder, then the invitation is to slow down, remove some clutter, say “no” to a few more things, and ponder the most remarkable Christmas story ever told. The incarnation, the God-man, came down to save us, even when we didn’t know we needed saving. He took on flesh from the beginning stages of creation and moved into our neighborhood.

Practicing Advent can help bring back Wonder. Advent is how the church has always tried to have a Christ-soaked Christmas. To prepare our hearts again for the story of Jesus coming to save us, humbling himself as a helpless baby, and taking on our responsibility for sin and death. Advent is the invitation to declutter the season, reflect on Jesus’ incredible story, and make this year one of the best Christmas ever.

Why read Isaiah and John at Christmas?

These two ancient writers have a lot more in common than their 700 years of separation would have you believe. These men both look at Christ with lots of Wonder. Their metaphors and imagery were trying to capture what they saw, which language has never been able to grasp fully. They teach us to look at Jesus with baptized imagination and wonder out loud the implications of God sending his son to earth and the Gospel story they tell. Equally important, we must understand that Isaiah and John stood out to outsiders as odd. Odd in the way they lived their lives. Odd in their language. Odd to those who didn’t take God seriously. They were serious men who didn’t take themselves seriously. Isaiah and John took God seriously. Their understanding, encounters, and observations about God reflect this truth. For this reason, their seriousness led to wonder. Just like our seriousness about God needs to lead to Wonder.

As you step into the Advent season with us at Calvary. We pray alongside you, desire along with you, and invite you to expand your sense of Wonder with us this Christmas.

Merry Christmas,

Jay Ewing

Advent #	Date	Scripture	Prayer
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HOPE CANDLE

1	November 27	Isaiah 9:2	
2	November 28	John 1:1-5	
3	November 29	John 3:16-21	
4	November 30	Isaiah 29:18, 19	
5	December 1	John 8:12-18	
6	December 2	John 12:35-46	
7	December 3	1 John 1:5, 6	

JOY CANDLE

8	December 4	Isaiah 11:1, 2	
9	December 5	John 1:29-34	
10	December 6	John 3:5-8	
11	December 7	Isaiah 61:1, 2	
12	December 8	John 14:15-21	
13	December 9	John 16:12-15	
14	December 10	1 John 3:23, 24	

LOVE CANDLE

15	December 11	Isaiah 40:11	Psalm 23
16	December 12	John 10:1-6	Psalm 23
17	December 13	John 10:7-10	Psalm 23
18	December 14	Isaiah 63:10-12	Psalm 23
19	December 15	John 10:11-13	Psalm 23
20	December 16	John 10:14-16	Psalm 23
21	December 17	John 10:17-18	Psalm 23

PEACE CANDLE

22	December 18	Isaiah 43:2	
23	December 19	John 1:35-37	
24	December 20	John 8:12-16	
25	December 21	Isaiah 2:2-4	
26	December 22	1 John 2:1-6	
27	December 23	2 John 6	
28	December 24	3 John 1:3-4	

CHRIST CANDLE

29	December 25	Isaiah 55:1	
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