

Jesus is Life

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“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:1-6

“The Way, the truth, and the Life was in the manger, causing angels to rejoice, Mary to wonder, shepherds to worship, and us to have hope. The Christmas story clearly shows that the hope of the universe is a person. The Advent story is a hope story because it chronicles the coming to earth of the One who is hope, Jesus. Hope is a person, and his name is Jesus.”

Paul David Tripp, *Come Let Us Adore Him*, an Advent Devotional.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulder, And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

John 1:1

1. Jesus is the way to God.

“A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’” (Isaiah 40:3)

2. Jesus is the truth from God.

“To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’” (John 8:31-32)

3. Jesus is Life – Jesus does not just preach life or provide life, he is life.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

Advent Prayer

Dear Lord, please allow us to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do –every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share– remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. For you are our hope. You are the Way, The Truth and the Life. Amen.