



## Meditations for Advent 2023

*The Advent readings for this year are from Cycle B.*

### WEEK ONE:

The meditations for the first week center on the second coming and on judgment.

**Sun 12/3 | Is. 63:16-64:9**

May the Lord come again and restore his people!

**Mon. 12/4 | 1 Th. 4:13-18**

The second coming of the Lord is a source of our hope.

**Tue. 12/5 | Mk. 13:33-37**

This is a time of watching and being ready for the coming of the Lord.

**Wed. 12/6 | Jl. 3:9-18**

The day of judgment will be a day of conflict, but also a restoration of God's people.

**Thu. 12/7 | 1 Th. 5:8-10**

Our hope is based on God's purpose for us, to attain salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Fri. 12/8 | Rev. 20:11-15**

The end brings judgment for all, both the living and the dead.

**Sat. 12/9 | Rev. 21:1-7**

The end also brings the New Jerusalem, and with it unending life in the Lord.

### WEEK TWO:

The meditations for the second week focus on the reign of God and its proclamation.

**Sun. 12/10 | Is. 40:1-11**

The coming of God's reign over his people is announced by the voice crying in the wilderness.

**Mon. 12/11 | Mic. 5:1-4**

A prophecy of the King who will come in the strength of the Lord, whose reign will be the very reign of God.

**Tue. 12/12 | Ps. 98:7-9**

The expectation of the Lord's coming is a cause for rejoicing.

**Wed. 12/13 | Lk. 3:1-6**

John the Baptist comes in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thu. 12/14 | 2 Pet. 3:8-9**

Christ's coming has not failed or been delayed. Rather, the Lord is waiting so that all might reach repentance.

**Fri. 12/15 | Ac. 3:19-20, 26**

The Lord Jesus Christ came the first time to deal with sin; he will come a second time to save those who wait for him.

**Sat. 12/16 | Phil. 1:9-10**

As we wait for the Lord's coming, we should grow in living the life of the age to come.

### WEEK THREE:

The meditations for the remainder of Advent consider the preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

**Sun. 12/17 | Is. 61:1-11**

The coming of the Lord brings release and restoration to God's people.

**Mon. 12/18 | Num. 24:2-8, 15-19**

The prophecy of Balaam about the great king to come who will deliver God's people (see Matt. 21:23-27).

**Tue. 12/19 | Zeph. 3:8-13**

The Lord will change his people and bring them to humility and obedience to him (Mt. 21:28-32).

**Wed. 12/20 | Is. 45:5-8**

True salvation comes through the Lord alone; he is the only God and the only way (Lk. 7:18-23).

**Thu. 12/21 | Is. 54:1-10**

The Lord judges his people, but he fulfills his everlasting purposes for them by bringing them salvation (Lk. 7:24-30).

**Fri. 12/22 | 1 Th. 5:23-24**

A prayer that we may be made holy now and kept free from sin in preparation for the return of the Lord.

**Sat. 12/23 | Phil. 4:4-5**

An exhortation to rejoice in the nearness of Christ's coming, but also to rejoice in his presence in our lives now.

### WEEK FOUR:

**Sun. 12/24 | Phil. 3:20-21**

*Because of our expectation that the Lord will return and complete the process of our transformation, we live as those who have their home and citizenship in heaven.*

### READINGS TO ACCOMPANY THE FINAL WEEK OF MEDITATIONS:

**Thu. 12/17 | Matt. 1:1-17**

**Fri. 12/18 | Matt. 1:18-24**

**Sat. 12/19 | Lk. 1:5-25**

**Sun. 12/20 | Lk. 1:26-38**

**Mon. 12/21 | Lk. 1:39-45**

**Tue. 12/22 | Lk. 1:46-56**

**Wed. 12/23 | Lk. 1:57-66**

**Thu. 12/24 | Lk. 1:67-79**