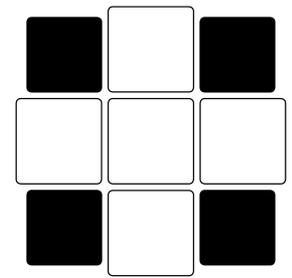


# Luke's Witness to the First Advent

Scripture: **Luke 2:8–20**

Series: **Advent 2018**

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## Overview

The birth of Christ is “good news of great joy”—and it is present, personal, and as promised. **The coming of Christ calls us to worship.**

## Corroborating Texts

Colossians 1:21

## Discussion Questions

1. Each year, the season of Advent is a unique opportunity to focus on and celebrate Christ's incarnation. How are you doing this Advent season? What have you been learning?
2. Jesus' birth narrative is fairly well known to the non-believing world—the virgin Mary conceiving, angels appearing, a star guiding the wise men, etc. How would you respond to someone who doubts these supernatural events really happened? Or, if you have doubted, how have you wrestled with that doubt?
3. The shepherds saw the glory of the Lord and were filled with fear. How do we “see” the glory of the Lord today? Though we may not see God's glory in the form of a bright light in the darkness, how should we react when we encounter God's glory?
4. In verse 14, the heavenly host are praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” What does “peace” mean in this context? What does it not mean? Those “with whom he is pleased” have this peace—who are those God is pleased with?
5. The book of Hebrews (as well as other passages) talks about Christ as our mediator (see Hebrews 9:13–15). What does it mean that he is our mediator? What is the significance of Jesus' incarnation as it relates to him being our mediator?
6. Verse 20 says: “And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.” This is a simple picture of evangelism—sharing what we've heard, seen, and experienced. What opportunities to share the Gospel with family and friends, especially during this coming week, can you be praying about?