

Sermon Outline

Advent Sermon series:

That we may know the certainty of the things we have been taught

“God’s plan was always to become one of us in Christ”

Luke 1:1-4; 26-38

As King who will do what is just and right - Jeremiah 23:5,6
whose Kingdom will rule for ever - 2 Samuel 7:12,13
who will be born of a virgin - Isaiah 7:14
God with us – “Immanuel”

The time came – the message of the angel.
(vs 26-33; Hebrews 1:14)

As Saviour But how? (vs 34-38)

**As God
and Man** But why?

To save us Exodus 12:5;
Galatians 4:4,5;
John 1:29;
1 John 3:5; 2
Corinthian 5:21;
1 Peter 3:18;
Article 2 page 627 Green Prayer Book AAPB)

**That we
may be
certain** (vs 1-4; Hebrews 2:1-3)

A Bible Study

Advent is that time of the year when we remember the first and second comings of Christ. The word “advent” means “coming”. The message of Advent is, that as sure as Christ came to the world the first time he will come a second time. These Bible Studies accompany the sermon series so that we may be certain of this truth and the things we have been taught.

Pray: That you will experience God teaching you from His Word.

Read: Luke 1:1-4; 26-28

Questions:

1. What do you understand “certain” to mean? What everyday matters would you say you were certain about and why?
2. Why did Luke write his gospel? (See verses 1 to 4) What reasons does Luke give?
3. What does Luke tell us about Joseph and Mary? (See verses 26,27). Concerning them what are we to be certain about? (See Jeremiah 23:5,6; 2 Samuel 7:12,13; Isaiah 7:14)
4. What was the message of the angel to Mary?
5. Why did the angel mention Mary’s cousin Elizabeth and her pregnancy? (See verses 36,37)
6. Who are angels? Why are they sent from God? Should we take their message seriously? What other message is to be taken more seriously? (Read Hebrews 1:14-2:4)
7. In the three Creeds of the Church (The Apostle’s, Nicene and Athanasius) we consent to believing that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary: Truly God and Truly Man. Not only are we to be certain of this, but also, for what reason for us? (See 1 John 3:5; 1 Corinthians 5:21 & 1 Peter 3:18. See also Article 2 page 627 Green Prayer Book AAPB)
8. You are not Theophilus. Why is it that you can be certain of the things you have been taught of God from the Bible: such as this visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary that Luke has recorded? (See also 2 Timothy 3:16,17; Psalm 119:89-91,105,106,160)

Pray: Thank God for what he has taught you from His Word.