Advent

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 Monday, 9:30-11:00 am Lesson 3

 To be discussed 11-4-24 Matthew 1, Luke 1

1. Read Matthew 1:1-17. Why does Matthew start his Gospel with a genealogy? What names do you recognize? What does this genealogy show us of the power, purpose, and character of God?

2. Read Matthew 1:18-25 and record how Matthew summarizes the birth of Jesus. What specifically did the angel communicate? What did Joseph do in response?

3. Read Luke 1:1-4. Luke begins his account of Advent over a year *before* the birth of Jesus takes place. What purpose does Luke give for the writing of his account? How might his purpose affect the details he gives?

4. Read Luke 1:5-25. After over 400 years of silence from God, what is the first recorded word God gives regarding the Messiah and the messenger who will go before him?

5. Read Luke 1:26-38 and list all we are told of Mary in this passage. What can Mary understand about her firstborn child from the words of Gabriel?

6. Read Luke 1:39-45. What confirmation and commendation is Mary given through her visit to Elizabeth? How would this be an encouragement to her?

7. Read Luke 1:46-56. What does Mary’s song reveal of her heart, her faith, and more importantly, who God has revealed Himself to be to her?

8. Read Luke 1:57-80 which records the birth of John and prophetic response of Zechariah. List several ways God declares His plan and purpose through Zechariah’s life and words. What truth blesses you most?