

Advent
Erin Ransom--2024

Monday, 9:30-11:00 am
To be discussed 11-11-24

Lesson 4
Luke 2, Matthew 2

1. As you read the following passages for today's lesson, take time to record the responses of Mary and Joseph to all that occurs. Some are obvious and some may be implied. What can we learn from their actions throughout this Biblical account?

2. Read Luke 2:1-21. What are the shepherds told by the angels? What is their response to the angel's words and their witness of this child?

3. Read Luke 2:22-35. What are we told of Simeon? Record his response to seeing baby Jesus. What does this tell you of his heart and faith in God? Who does Simeon proclaim God to be?

4. Read Luke 2:36-40. What are we told of Anna? How does she respond to baby Jesus?

5. Read Matthew 2:1-12. When did these events take place? (v. 1) Record the responses of each of the following to the birth or news of Jesus. Who actually finds and visits the Messiah?
 - Magi
 - Herod
 - All Jerusalem
 - Chief priests and teachers of the law

6. Matthew's account of the Christmas story ends on a tragic note. Read Matthew 2:13-23. What do these events show us of the plans, purposes, and provision of God?

7. Looking back on these Advent lessons so far, what has blessed or stood out to you? Is there a truth you hope to meditate on this season and share with others?