

“The Advents of Jesus”

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1. The first Advent of Jesus was in the Manger.

“An angel of the Lord appeared to [the shepherds], and the glory of the Lord shone around them . . . But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; . . . You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’” Luke 2:9-12

2. Jesus will come again in the clouds (often called the second coming).

“Look, [Jesus] is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.” Revelation 1:7

3. Jesus Comes Again and Again, Riding on His Word.

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” [Later, one of the two men said] “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scripture to us?” Luke 24:27-32

4. Jesus Comes Through the Sacrament.

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized [Jesus].” Luke 24:30-31

5. Jesus Comes Through Believers to Unbelievers.

“On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman . . . named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”

Acts 16:13-14