

Twelve Told

A 12 Days of Christmas Journey

To Discover the Fullness of Who Jesus Is



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Introduction

EACH YEAR, WE RETURN TO THE FIRST CHAPTERS OF THE GOSPELS to remember the birth of Christ. That's neither the beginning nor the end of the story Christmas is about, however. While the Son of God entered the world one day in Bethlehem, that wasn't the beginning of the Son's story. The four Gospel writers tell us much about what happens at Christmas, but the rest of the Bible speaks either to the coming of Christmas or reflects back on its significance.

As a journey covering the Twelve Days of Christmas, this devotional is an invitation to see what the whole of Scripture says about Jesus. We will travel throughout God's Word and hear what twelve voices in 10 different books, outside of the Gospels, have to tell us about the one promised from the moment sin entered into the world. As we hear more about who Jesus is, we learn more about who He has called us to be.

I am always so blessed to go on these Twelve Days of Christmas journeys with you. The time between Christmas and Epiphany, as things slow down some, and yet the glow of Christmas remains, are such a special time to meditate on the truth about our Savior. I hope that this year's exploration is as much of a blessing to you as it has been for me in the preparation.

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Part I



The War from the Beginning

Day 1: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

“And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne...”

– Revelation 12:4b-5

The traditional Polish carol “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” captures Jesus as He was on the first Christmas incredibly well. Yes, Jesus was born a lowly infant, but He was still God then. “Christ the babe is Lord of All.” While princes and princesses may be born *heir to the throne*, Jesus was born King.

Satan thought that God-with-us was a weak heir to the throne able to be defeated. In the cosmic level battle described in Revelation, the dragon may have *thought* he could just consume the Messiah as a baby – or at some time in His earthly life – and put an end to God’s plan, but that simply was not possible. Unlike a *merely* human royal baby who might be put to death while in that vulnerable state to prevent the continuation of a family’s reign, nothing evil could do would defeat God’s reign over all the universe over all time.

Sometimes on Christmas day, the joy feels so palpable the infant Jesus already feels triumphant to us. But other times, because of family strife or illness or the worries and cares of the past year, the accomplishment of Christmas day feels fragile like our own grasp on life and plans.

In those moments, may we turn back to this truth: Jesus being born wasn’t a moment in which a slight turn of events could have brought an end to the Heavenly Father’s plan. God wasn’t holding His breath to see if this incredible miracle could work out OK. In this mindboggling step of the incarnation, God’s victory was already sure. So too when we feel dragged down by evil, of our own doing or that around us. The joy of Christmas is the victory joy of Jesus the Conqueror who brings down evil and will someday usher all who trust in Him into the fullness of His true Kingdom of Peace.

PRAYER: *Lord, thank you for coming into the world to conquer Satan, sin and death. From the start to the finish of your earthly ministry, it is hard for my mind to grasp how you could do what you do, and yet may I find peace in that unsearchable mystery with confidence that the hope of Christmas is not passing but is an unmistakable sign of all you are bringing about. In Jesus’s precious name I pray, Amen.*

Day 2: Though the Night Be Dark

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

– Genesis 3:15

The story of Christmas doesn't start at Christmas with the coming of the King, but the promise of the king all the way at *the beginning*. After God made the world, it appeared that Satan quickly gained the upper hand: yes, the world was made “good,” but that good soon was clouded with sin.

The dragon crouching to snatch up the King that we saw yesterday crouched and tried to swallow the creation God had made millennia prior. And just as he would find that he couldn't outsmart God ultimately, so too here his apparent upper hand was not lasting. As soon as sin came into the world, God shared the first promise of the coming King. A child would be born as a descendant of Eve who would deal a fatal blow to evil in the world.

God didn't abandon Adam and Eve when they sinned; instead, He gave the first glimpse of a promise that He would come into the world and make things right. God doesn't leave us in our sin either. When we are more like scrooges to others than those who reflect Jesus, when we are more occupied with self-gain than God's glory, our Lord pulls us out of our self-made messes and draws us to himself.

That's been the truth from those first dark moments when God offered a glimpse of light. And as the Christmas lights twinkle this season, they remind us of the continued glimpse into the full light of God's love that we will experience in His presence.

He is with us in both the brightest and darkest moments of life. Even when the night is dark, as E.C. Ellsworth penned, “In the dawning of the morning / There'll be joy by and by.”

PRAYER: Lord, please help me to see your light even in the darkest moments of the night. Help me to remember throughout the year the shining of the Christmas lights and to know that your True Light is incomparably brighter and more constant. Help me to find my hope in your light today and every day. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Day 3: God Sets the Stage

“The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

– Genesis 49:10

The blessing Jacob gives to his son Judah sounds a bit ridiculous. No matter how successful Jacob had been in life, he certainly did not appear to be set up to be the grandparent-even-many-times-removed of a ruler who could demand the “obedience of peoples.” Was the old man delusional?

No, Jacob was not delusional; rather, he was speaking prophetically of a promise that his family had already started to reveal for several generations. Multiple times in his grandfather Abraham’s life, that man had been told of how his offspring would bless the nations, including in Genesis 22:18. That particular moment is significant for it came just after Abraham had been commanded by God to sacrifice his son Isaac, the very one tied to that promise. Though God did not let Abraham go through with that sacrifice, in showing his willingness to obey even this command of the Lord, Abraham had acted out the story that would happen when the Father sent His Son to die for us on the Cross.

Neither Abraham nor Jacob may have had much of a sense how these incredible promises about their family would ultimately come together in history. In their place in the story, they simply trusted God’s faithfulness and many, many years later, that faithfulness brought forth the miracle we celebrate at Christmas.

Though none of us have a promise about our families of the magnitude of the one Jacob had about his son Judah, we all are recipients of God’s promises and those promises are just as true today. The joy of Christmas is that God offers His goodwill toward us and that promise is just as constant and trustworthy as the promise to which Jacob clung in his final days of life.

PRAYER: Father, thank you for your faithful promises to me. Thank you for the promise of fellowship with you, something that you allow all who trust in you to experience every day. By your Spirit help me to experience more of that promise each day and with that promise to also experience deeper confidence in the fullness of that fellowship to come when my Savior makes all things new. It is in His faithful name I pray. Amen.

Part II



The Model for
True Peace

Day 4: The Lamb

“Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb.’²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning.²³ For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.”

– Exodus 12:21-23

In the Exodus, God rescued His people after they had been in Egypt for four centuries and spent much of that time enslaved. As judgment came upon Egypt, the people were given a sign to participate in: they took a lamb and put its blood on their doorposts and God kept the plague of the firstborn from coming upon those homes that did as God had told them.

The lamb provided temporary protection in the face of a plague. Later sacrifices, likewise, symbolically cleansed the people, but could not ultimately *make things right*. Instead, by these sacrificial practices, God was teaching his people what He would do in full: atone for sin. As the author of Hebrews observed about the blood of lambs and goats, though it served its purpose, “how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” (Heb. 9:14).

Humanity was being prepared by seeing a small example of the amazing sacrifice Jesus would give. Over the next few days, we will see other ways God prepared us for His work. Christmas was not some strange break from what He had been doing over all history prior. Throughout history, our God had been setting up patterns so that when *the* miracle came in Bethlehem, we could understand.

After promising a solution in one who would crush the serpent and rule over the nations, now we see something even more: one who would be the purest lamb ever and who would shed his blood willingly for all of us.

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus, thank you for offering yourself up for me. I could never deserve it, yet you knew that and offered yourself up for me. Lord, guide me away from unrighteousness and make me clean, purified with your blood. I pray this in your perfect name. Amen.*

Day 5: The Prophet

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen.”

– Deuteronomy 18:15

Over the history of the world God sent different prophets to give people insights into His will and, often, judgment. The people struggled to listen to Moses, so it is no surprise they struggled to listen to the prophets that would come thereafter. Though prophets spoke with authority the truth of God, Deuteronomy 34:10-11 tell us that there had not been a prophet after Moses who had the same sort of relationship with the Lord that Moses did.

As the people reflected on the promise of a prophet to come, they anticipated the day God would send a prophet as great as Moses again. Someone who spoke infallibly as a spokesperson of God, yes, but was also more. In the time under occupation of different empires, they surely yearned for another one to be raised up who could again lead them on an exodus from captivity. In Jesus, that expectation had its fulfillment. A better prophet was here. Peter quotes this passage as he preaches in Acts 3:22, noting that Jesus is the one the people were called to obey.

Jesus was not just “Moses 2.0.” Though our age loves to do “reboots,” constantly rehashing the same things and often degrading those things as it does, God builds. Moses wasn’t the *best* prophet; the best prophet came in Jesus. In the one born in Bethlehem, God was no longer speaking through someone, even in the incredible form Moses experienced. God himself spoke to humanity directly (John 1:14). That explains why God doesn’t send prophets today like he did long ago. As Hebrews tells us, we can look to Jesus and realize there can be no greater witness to God than God himself born into human flesh (Heb. 1:2).

When we feel uncertain and want to hear from God, the Bible tells us there is one place we should turn every single time: to Jesus. In Him we find both the *message* of God and the *presence* of God. And He invites each one of us to experience His presence.

PRAYER: Father, thank you for sending revelation of your will and your love throughout the ages by way of prophets. Thank you most of all for sending Jesus, so that I can know you directly and not just by the words of those faithful messengers. Help me to yearn not for another prophet, but a closer experience of your presence in my life. I pray in His precious name. Amen.

Day 6: The Leader into the Promised Land

“And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God.”

– Joshua 3:9

After Moses, God provided a new leader in the form of Joshua. Whereas Moses brought the Law from God to the people, Joshua was the leader chosen to bring the people into the Promised Land later known as Israel.

Joshua was a good leader in many ways and called the people to faithfulness before the Lord. Yet, he was also a fallible human being – one who could be tricked into agreeing to a peace treaty with people God had called them to conquer instead (Joshua 9:14-15). When encountering the Gibeonites, Joshua leaned on his own wisdom rather than turning to the God who had been guiding him through the entire journey into the Promised Land and he soon discovered how weak his own wisdom was.

Too often we do just like Joshua. We want to enter God’s joy, but we try to do it using our own terms and our own wisdom. The result doesn’t go much better than it did for Joshua. The Promised Land itself proves challenging in many ways for the people of Israel, because even the place promised by God is marred when sinful human beings take hold of it.

Thankfully, though Jesus’s name in Hebrew mirrors that of Joshua, He is the *better* Joshua, the better leader into a better Promised Land. Christmas is a preview of that Promised Land. When we experience joy this time of year, whether it is a moment of family festivities, or the quietness of the world largely pausing on Christmas Day or the renewed talk of the need for “peace,” these things point to a lasting promise.

We may fail to seek God’s wisdom, but God’s Wisdom came into the world and calls us to Himself. We may mar the best things God gives us on earth, but the Promised Land of restoration lies ahead with Jesus not just guiding us there, but providing the very means to arrive.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for being not just our guide to peace with God, but being the God who brings peace. Help me to see and experience your peace each step of the way as I anticipate the day you make all things new. And help me to show that peace to others, guiding them to you as you guide me. I pray this in your name, my Savior. Amen.

Day 7: The Royal Leader

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

– Psalm 110:1

In the years after Joshua's leadership, there would be a series of "judges" who would lead the people of Israel on different occasions of need, helping them back to the Lord. But ultimately, as the Kingdom of Israel was established, God chose David to be the leader whose descendants would continue to rule the people from generation to generation.

In David, God established an institution – a dynasty – that people could know symbolized God's continued care for His people. Yet, that dynasty often was flawed. David himself abused his power at times and those who followed him did so to an even greater degree. They were human kings and acted the part. Nevertheless, in David's best moments we see a man who led the people not as an earth-focused king, but as one with his eyes towards Heaven, composing songs of worship (we find in the book of Psalms). David wanted to model following the Lord to those whom he led.

In those best-moments-of-David, he showed what it is like to have a leader who knows the real leader is someone else: the King of the universe. What if that could be every moment of a leader's days and not just his best few? In Jesus the world gets to experience that "what if" as reality.

Herod rightly saw the baby Jesus as a threat, because he represented a mockery of such rule: a man who simply wanted power and glory for himself. That impulse drives most of those who seek power today, too. But we have a better leader: one who fulfills our yearning for a King just and righteous and trustworthy and constant.

Jesus is the leader we can know will always be faithful. When those who lead around us disappoint, He does not. When we lead in our own spheres of influence and, likewise, disappoint, let us return to the leader willing to go to the humiliation of being born in a stable in order to live, suffer and die for us and know that true leadership does exist and the One who leads loves us.

PRAYER: King Jesus, thank you for being the leader I yearn to see. Though earthly leaders disappoint, and I so often fail in the places where you allow me to lead, you always are faithful and perfect. Help me by the power of your Spirit to show your faithfulness to those around me. I pray in your holy name. Amen.

Day 8: The Servant

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

– Isaiah 42:1-3

God calls people to lead as servants. That’s the opposite of how the world thinks of leadership. We are told that leaders take charge, tell people what to do and command respect. We often respect those who do so with little care for those under them, because they seem to “get things done.”

Sadly, even when it comes to pastors, they often demand respect and power – and we give it to them. We look to worldly leadership as our anchor point for how the Church should be led. That’s not the sort of leadership God calls us to. We want that kind of leadership when we are in charge, because it makes us feel important, and sometimes we want it when we aren’t, just because it feels “predictable.”

God doesn’t call us to importance or predictability. In comparison to earthly leadership, God’s leadership seems downright off the wall. The all-powerful God coming as a servant? Being born in the lowliest of arrangements? Letting people reject him? Dying for us? This is crazy, people say, but we see how the Spirit working in the world has taken the people of the Servant and upended the world for two thousand years through that crazy-by-our-standards approach.

The Church at its best is a servant organization of servant people serving the world. We are at our worst when seeking power and following those who do. When instead we see Christmas as a yearly reminder to be a people humble and meek like Jesus, genuine change happens one person at a time. Are we willing to go into the New Year as those who will suffer for those who don’t deserve it and love those who are unlovable? Because that’s just what the king whose birth we celebrate on Christmas did – he did that *for us*.

PRAYER: *Father, thank you for sending your Son into the world to show your people what true leadership looks like. Please help me to be a servant and not one who seeks power and prestige. I pray this in the name of your Son, my savior Jesus. Amen.*

Part III



He is...

Day 9: Eternal

“And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

– Colossians 1:15-20

Those we’ve looked at the past few days are models to which Jesus provides the perfect form, but Jesus is more than any of those models. The mystery of Christmas is that the One who was born as a human baby in Bethlehem is also the One who preexists everything, who authors time itself and who fixes every broken thing until all is made right.

Jesus isn’t just a good king, but *the* King, capable of both speaking the world into existence and rewriting those wrongs we put into our stories. By the miracle of the Incarnation and the death He had already accepted for us when He was born, He brings us into His peace “by the blood of his cross.” For anyone who trusts in Him, that “peace on earth, goodwill to those whom he favors” the angels proclaimed is a peace and goodwill for him or her. He will, as Paul says in today’s passage, “reconcile to himself all things,” bringing the day the creation is again in harmony with the Creator.

We all probably examine some parts of ourselves and think ourselves not worthy of God’s favor. We all also probably find places where we think we are eminently more qualified for God’s favor than someone else we can think of. The simple truth is that the first impulse is far more correct, yet He declares us worthy by His Blood.

As we enter the New Year, how can we help share the hope of His grace with those around us? Is there someone who is “not worthy” in our eyes and yet we are called to point to hope in God? The One who holds together the foundations of all being called you and me worthy when we were decidedly not; may we see others with the same eyes by which He sees us.

PRAYER: *Father, thank you for sending your Son into the world though none are possibly worthy of your love. Help me to both recognize my own unworthiness and yet the worth you place on me out of your sheer love. Help me to be one who shows others their worth to you, too. I pray this in Jesus’s name. Amen.*

Day 10: Sinless

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

– 1 Peter 2:22-24

No one we looked at earlier this season could possibly lay claim to the title of “sinless.” Quite the opposite. Yet, even when humanity in all our sinfulness reviled Jesus, what did He do? On the Cross, he exclaimed, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

We cannot even imagine what a sinless person is really like. We can imagine based on leaders around us what a better one might be like. We can imagine based on the humblest people we know what a true servant might approximately look like. We can imagine based on the sacrificial system what a sacrifice is.

A sinless person? That’s an entirely different matter. So much of “what makes us human” is actually what makes us *fallen* humans. While Jesus lived as a human being, doing human things like us, the things we do out of sin – the cranky remark, the gossip, the ignoring of the needs around us – those things were absent entirely from His life from birth to death. It’s hard to fathom.

The amazingness of this can come across if we just try to get through even part of the Christmas season “sinlessly.” Perhaps it is trying to take peace and goodwill to our colleagues at work or school. Maybe it is trying to put up with our most obnoxious relative. Maybe it is just trying to love even those we care most about as the stress of cooking and cleaning and wrapping gifts and the like pull out our worst impulses. Even our briefest attempts at sinlessness go up in flames.

What we can know, because Scripture tells us so, is that He came to this earth to live that sinless life so that we, who live sin riddled lives, could experience the eternal life that He wants for us. If we consider that He knew our sins and came to rescue us anyway, the right response is simple: honor Him by being willing to place our sins before him.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. Sin comes so naturally I cannot even fathom what it would be like to be a sinless human being. Yet, you lived sinlessly. Thank you for taking on my sins for me, including those I repent of right now. Please give me the strength to escape sin and to do things good and pleasing to you. I pray in your holy name. Amen.

Day 11: Glorious

“My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.”

– James 2:1

In our humanness, one of the ways we sin without even really thinking much about it, is to show partiality towards people. We think they have something to offer us, or they are particularly important and – boom! – they get the red-carpet treatment. James reminds us how the one who chose a most humble birth calls us to live.

He links this command with a pointer to Jesus’s glory. If we gaze upon the truth of Jesus’s glory, that very sight makes it so much harder to cling to the earthly spectacles we use to assign value to people. He didn’t appear of worth by earthly standards (Isaiah 53:3), yet He is more glorious than anything on earth. Likewise, He showed care to the “least” of those whom He encountered, not those who commanded adoration and acclaim.

We are left with only one question: how can we do anything but the same?

At the birth of Christ, the Father repeatedly took the unfavored and gave them a place in the story. He took the unlikely couple of Zechariah and Elizabeth to bring forth John the Baptist, who would proclaim the coming of Jesus. He took the poor, unnotables of Mary and Joseph and made them the mother and stepfather of His Son. He brought the lowly shepherds in to witness what was going on. He took the least and let them be the inner circle on what was happening from the start.

When the church shows care to everyone, rich or poor, young or old, influential or flush out of influence, we act like Jesus. We say to the world with our actions that we are different in more than just our lofty claims to be followers of God. We are saying we truly want to be changed by the glory of Jesus, to seek after *real* glory rather than the passing imitation found in this world.

PRAYER: Lord, help me not to be one who shows partiality, but instead sees how you showed me love even though I had no reason to claim preferred status before you. Help me to rejoice in that news and then to live in the light of your glory, not being caught up in the statuses the world says make a person notable, but rather in this truth: that each person is made in your image and that it is you, not anything in this world, that provides worth to a person. I pray this in Jesus’s name. Amen.

Day 12: The Returning Conqueror

“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

– Revelation 22:7

We began this journey on Christmas Day thinking about Jesus, the conquering opponent to the evil dragon of Satan, ready to consume Him. If we read through Revelation, we see an awful lot happens, but in the end, no matter how much the affiliates of the devil may care to try, they cannot overcome the conquest of God’s grace: those who turn to the Lord will be the ones who prevail.

While so many parts of Revelation seem bleak, at the end, we glimpse how God is making things new. We see the Wedding Feast of the Lamb and can start to imagine what it might be like to truly sit down at a table prepared by God.

The end is already written, and it is coming closer each day. We do not know the “when,” but we already know there is no “if.” Each of the “models” we saw that Jesus exemplifies reminds us of an aspect of how His victory plays out and how we can feel confidence in what will come. We have a true Servant King who is leading us across the Jordan River of life into the Promised Land of eternity and shows Himself to us each step of the way.

The last few days of this journey reminded us of who He is as God, which only makes His coming as a true human being more amazing. In His second coming, the reconciliation promised in Colossians 1 will be fully experienced. Jesus’s sinlessness will be experienced in our own actions. The glory of the One above all will shine before us in an eternal day. The best moment in the Christmas season will appear a strand of dull, broken bulbs compared to what He shows us on that day.

Thus, we anticipate with hope, not just for Christmas again in 353 days, but all that Christmas promises to come when the Savior comes again. As we wait, we aren’t called to hope in silence, but to tell our hope on the mountain, that more and more might join us in this season of anticipation. Someday all of us, those who guided us and those whom we point toward Him, will be seated at that wedding feast together. And it will be a moment of joy. Pure, untainted joy in the one who came and then came again.

PRAYER: Father, help me to live this year in anticipation not just of another celebration of our Savior’s first coming, but with excitement for His return. Help me to share my joy and use me, I ask, that more might know your good news for all humankind. I pray in Jesus’s wonderful name. Amen.

Next Steps

Thank you for joining me on this devotional adventure over the Christmas season. If you are looking to explore the Scriptures further and experience some of that adopted family of God we discussed above, I would like to invite you to take advantage of the following opportunities to do just that from the two ministries I serve with.

Little Hills Church

We are a new church in St. Charles, Missouri and we would love to have you join us as we seek to share the love of our amazing God with our neighbors near and far. Launched during 2020, we have embraced being a “hybrid church,” seeking to use both online and in-person avenues to do ministry in our community and around the world.

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