

Daily Advent Readings

During the week, let's spend time reflecting on the story of salvation revealed in the Scriptures and prepare our hearts to receive our newborn King.

This Week's Theme: Peace

MONDAY 12.21.20 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah grieved over Israel's unfaithfulness which would lead them into judgement and exile, but he also looked to a future when God would make a new covenant with His people. A future where laws would be written on the heart and each person could intimately know the Lord. Do you need a new future? It starts by getting to know God better (James 4:8).

TUESDAY 12.22.20 Ezekiel 34:11-16

The image of God as our Shepherd is common in the scriptures. It paints a picture of God being our protector, provider, and comforter. Ezekiel spoke of a time when the Lord, would personally gather his flock and bring them out of darkness. How has the coming of Christ demonstrated God's care for us, his flock?

WEDNESDAY 12.23.20 Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph is an often-unsung hero. Can you imagine the feelings Joseph must have struggled with? Yet because of the angel's encouragement, Joseph gave his relationship with Mary a second chance because God was at work. His choice protected Mary's life. How has God been with you during your most difficult moments?

THURSDAY 12.24.20 Micah 5:2-4

The Messiah would bring long awaited peace and security to God's people. The humble beginnings of the great Messiah showed us that God is at work in the small things. Jesus' birth was not a loud shout, but a small whisper. The Messiah was born in meek surroundings located in the small town of Bethlehem. Not exactly a grand entrance for God's anointed king, yet his greatness would be proclaimed throughout the entire world. What are the small ways in which God is at work in your life?

FRIDAY 12.25.20 Luke 2:1-20

We are so familiar with the angel's message that we may miss how astounding it was. Listen as if you have never heard these words before: "Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." What part of this amazing proclamation brings you the greatest sense of peace?

SATURDAY 12.26.20 Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men from the East were not 'kings' but students of the stars. Their search was for a new King who might bring the world peace. Even though, the priests and legal experts could easily identify where the Messiah would be born, they did not seek him. Yet, it was the foreign astronomers who said, "We have come to honor Him." To which group do you belong? How is that reflected in your life today?