

## **Hope When It Feels Hopeless**

The Arrival – Part 1 of 4

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**Advent** comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming” or “arrival.”

### **4 Important Themes:**

- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love

Proverbs 13:12a

Hope deferred makes the heart sick... ESV

### **3 Truths about God’s Hope...**

1. Hope has a name.

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ESV

- Jesus is “our hope” (1 Timothy 1:1)
- Jesus is our “blessed hope” (Titus 2:13)
- Jesus is our “living hope” (1 Peter 1:3)

Philippians 2:9–11

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ESV

1. Hope has perfect timing.

Jesus Would Be Born...

- Of a woman (Genesis 3:15; fulfilled in Galatians 4:4)
- Of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14; fulfilled in Matthew 1:22-23)
- In Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; fulfilled in Matthew 2:1)

Galatians 4:4

**But when the right time came**, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.  
NLT

2. Hope is coming again.

Hebrews 9:27–28

<sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. ESV

Proverbs 13:12

<sup>12</sup>Hope deferred makes the heart sick...but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. ESV

**Next Steps:**

- ☐ Start a Bible Plan
- ☐ Begin inviting to Ridgeview Christmas services