

Christmas Eve - Into Marvelous Light Message Outline

Advent- Latin 'Adventus' = coming!

Colossians 2:17 - "These are a **shadow** of the things to come, but the **substance** belongs to Christ."

The Righteous Branch- Jeremiah 33:14-15

The Strong Shepherd- Micah 5:1-5

The Fierce Warrior- Zephaniah 3:14-17

"I had just written the fourth chapter when it became clear to me that Jesus Christ was just as much an actual, historical person as Socrates, Plato or Julius Caesar. Then it became certain that Jesus had lived because of the facts I found in secular writings of the period in which He lived."

Lewis Wallace

A. Who is Jesus?

"In this the love of God was made **manifest** among us, that God sent **his only Son** into the world, so that we might live through him."

1 John 4:9-11

Jesus is the manifestation of God on earth.

Genesis (1445-1405 BC)- Christ is the seed of the woman.

Exodus (1445-1405 BC)- The Passover Lamb.

Leviticus (1445-1405 BC)- The High Priest, making the perfect sacrifice.

Numbers (1445-1405 BC)- Manna from Heaven!

Deuteronomy (1445-1405 BC)- The Great Prophet to come.

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Judges- (ca. 1043 BC) The great Lawgiver.

Kings- (561-538 BC) The glorious King.

Ruth- (ca. 1030-1010 BC) The kinsman Redeemer.

Psalms- (1410-450 BC) The great Shepherd.

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Daniel (ca. 536-530 BC). The fourth man in the Flame.

Hosea (ca. 750-710 BC). The Bridegroom.

Amos (ca. 750 BC). The Burden Bearer.

Malachi- (433-424 BC) The Son of Righteousness.

B. Why did Jesus come?

1. To Show us His Love

"In this the **love of God** was made **manifest** among us, that God sent **his only Son** into the world, so that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9-11

A.E. Brooke: "The true nature of God's love has now been shown, in a way which men can understand and appreciate, in the fact and the purpose of the **Incarnation**. God gave His best, that men might be enabled to live the life of God.

B. Why did Jesus come?

2. To Help us to Live

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so **that we might live through him.**" 1 John 4:9-11

"He is the image of the invisible God, ...and **in him all things hold together.**"

Colossians 1:15+17

"In Him we live and move and have our being."

Acts 17:28a

B. Why did Jesus come?

"Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" John 8:12