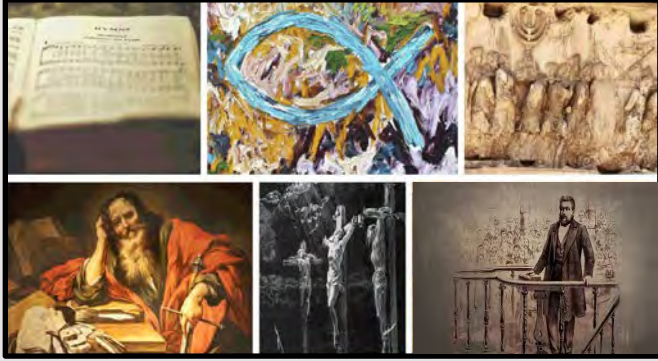


Advent & Christmas

Origin
Meaning
Practice



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Historical Christianity, Contemporary Faith

Series 1: Church History

Series 2: The Bible

Series 3: Creeds, Confessions, Sacraments

Series 4: Advent & Christmas



Advent & Christmas: **Origin, Meaning, Practice**

**To gain a deeper appreciation
for the biblical, historical
Christmas narrative, and**





Advent & Christmas: **Origin, Meaning, Practice**

**... a better understanding of
the uniquely Christian practice
of Advent.**

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Advent & Christmas:

Origin, Meaning, Practice

Week 1: The First Christmas

Week 2: Advent: What, Why, How?

Week 3: Christmas Traditions



Advent & Christmas

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Advent: What, Why, How?



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Class Exercise


“In ten words of less ...”

What is Easter?
What is Christmas?
What is Lent?
What is Advent?



Advent

**A season of spiritual
preparation to celebrate and
anticipate the birth of Jesus
AND his second coming.**

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Advent

Latin *Adventus* meaning:

“arrival” or *“coming”*

But much more!





Advent

From Greek word *Parousia*

Matthew 24:27, 37, 39

1 Corinthians 15:23

To “*appear, invade, enter into*”





Advent Origin

Easter – Mid 2nd Century

Lent – Council Nicaea AD 325





Advent Origin

Easter – Mid 2nd Century

Lent – Council Nicaea AD 325

Christmas – AD 326







First Two



Easter



Christmas



Advent Origin

Easter – Mid 2nd Century

Lent – Council Nicaea AD 325

Christmas – AD 326





Advent Origin

Priscillianism

**Gnostic, anti-physical
heresy**



Advent Origin

**The Council of Sargossa
AD 380**

**To address dualism, or body
vs. soul, light vs. dark**







Advent Origin


**Doubles Down on Adventus
December 17-29
Urged All Church Attendance**





Advent Origin

5th – 6th Century
St. Gregory the Great
Firm Four Weeks
Fasting & Repentance

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Historic Practice



Second Coming



Incarnation



Advent Origin

**Middle Ages - Today
Various Practices**

**Epiphany Focus to Birth Focus
Reformation Acceptance**





Advent Practices





Advent Practices

Four Weeks of Spiritual Preparation

1 – Prophecy Candle / Hope

Purple – Repentance & Royalty



Advent Practices

Four Weeks of Spiritual Preparation

2 – Bethlehem Candle / Faith

Purple – Repentance & Royalty



Advent Practices

Four Weeks of Spiritual Preparation

3 – Shepherd Candle / Joy

Pink – Joy & Rejoicing



Advent Practices

Four Weeks of Spiritual Preparation

4 – Angel Candle / Love

Purple – Repentance & Royalty



Advent Practices

Four Weeks of Spiritual Preparation

5 – Christ Candle

White – Purity & Light



Advent Practices

- Daily Bible Reading
- Daily Prayer of Preparation



Events



The 2021 Advent Project

Online Devotional Resource

WHEN Sunday, November 28 – Friday, January 7, 2022

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Join Us for the Annual CCCA Online 2021 Advent Project

Advent calendars come in all shapes and sizes but what they have in common is a daily rhythm of anticipatory reflection. Biola's Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts offers a **FREE** online **Advent Project** designed to help you pause each day to reflect on the beauty and meaning of the season. The 2021 Advent Project starts on the first day of Advent, **November 28, 2021**, and continues through **Epiphany, January 7, 2022**. Each day of the Advent Project features a Scripture passage, a devotion written by a member of the Biola community, a work of visual art, a poem, and a piece of music. Our prayer is that in the midst of these challenging times, the Advent Project will help ground you in the unsurpassable beauty, mystery, and miracle of the Word made flesh.


If you have subscribed to any of our Advent or Lent devotional projects before, you will automatically receive this year's Advent Project.

If you would like to subscribe and have devotions sent daily to your email inbox, please [click here](#).

To go to the Advent Project and read the devotions, please [click here](#). Note; this link will not be active until Nov 27, 2021.



Advent Practices

- Daily Bible Reading
 - Daily Prayer of Preparation
 - Fasting
 - Advent Wreath (AD 1600's)
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Advent Practices

- Jesse's Tree (AD 1200's)
- Alpha & Omega (Rev. 1:8)
- Blue Candles (AD 900's)



Advent

(The Bottom Line)

**As Lent to Easter, may Advent
bring increased:**

**Focus from Distractions
Faith in the Waiting**



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Advent: What, Why, How?



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