

## Hope Arrived

### John 1:1-18

The prophecy candle symbolizes the hope that is to be realized through the promised Messiah. John's Gospel shows us that our hope has arrived in the person of Jesus Christ.

#### Hope Promised

Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

#### Hope Arrived

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

#### OT Prophecies Fulfilled

- Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- Born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- From the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
- Heir to King David's throne (2 Samuel 7:12-13)
- His incarnation (Isaiah 9:6)
- Death by crucifixion (Psalm 22)
- His death an atonement for sin (Isaiah 53)
- His resurrection (Psalm 16:10)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Life; 36 times in John

I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 14:6

The Incarnation reminds us that God understands us completely, loves us unconditionally, and saves us graciously.

*There are many men who would be god, but only one God who would be man.*

Christmas Card

#### Purpose of John's Gospel

...but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:31

## **Jesus is Our Hope**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3)

*“At the first Christmas the Son of God became the Son of Man, that sons of men might become sons of God.”*

C.S. Lewis

## **Applications**

- Believe in Jesus Christ – “For God so loved (your name)”
- Pray for those who don’t know Him
- Be bold in sharing God’s love
- Advent Reading Plans – YouVersion App