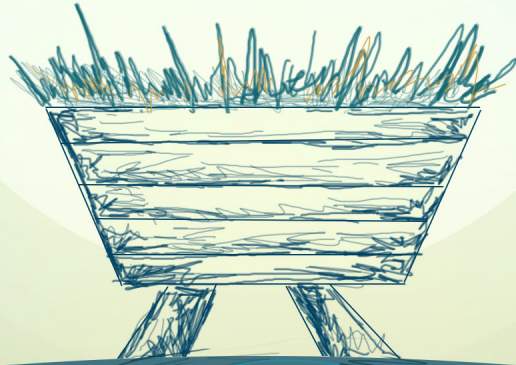


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A hand-drawn illustration of a stable. The stable is drawn with simple, sketchy lines in a light blue/teal color. It has a triangular roof with a five-pointed star on top. The star is also drawn with sketchy lines and has a yellowish-green glow. In the center of the stable is a manger filled with hay. The manger is supported by two small legs. The background is a gradient of teal and light blue, with a large, bright white circle in the center, resembling a full moon or a bright light. The word "Advent:" is written in a black, handwritten font, underlined, in the center of the image.

Advent:



Advent:
the arrival of
a notable
person, thing
or event



Advent:

Preparing for
the arrival of
the Christ child,
the Messiah

John 3:16

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Resurrection

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Second-coming

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Crucifixion

to

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God sent His Son to die.



Jesus said "I came..."

Mark 10:32-45

- 32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him,
- 33 saying, **"See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him over to the Gentiles.**



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*"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we
ask of you."*

36 And He said to them,
"What do you want me to do for you?"



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37 And they said to Him, *"Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."*

38 Jesus said to them,

"You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

39 And they said to Him, *"We are able."* And Jesus said to them, **"The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,**



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40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

42 And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, **"You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them,**



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Son of God: claiming His divinity

Son of Man: claiming His humanity

but never denying or giving up His divinity!

Daniel 7:13-14

- 13 “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like the **Son of Man**, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.
- 14 And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him;
His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away,
and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.



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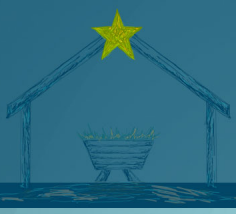
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ransom

A payment that provides freedom from captivity or punishment for someone or something that has profound value and purpose to the one who provides the payment.



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Colossians 2:13-14

- 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
- 14 by canceling the certificate of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.



We glory in the cross of Jesus



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Philippians 2:4-11

- 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
- 6 who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- 7 but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.



We glory in the cross of Jesus

- 8 And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
- 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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