





## December 1st

Old Testament: Psalm 89:19-28 ESV

19 Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:

“I have granted help to one who is mighty;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

20 I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,

21 so that my hand shall be established with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not outwit him;  
the wicked shall not humble him.

23 I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,

and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

25 I will set his hand on the sea  
and his right hand on the rivers.

26 He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’

27 And I will make him the firstborn,  
the highest of the kings of the earth.

28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

New Testament: Luke 24:13-35 ESV

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back

saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



## December 2nd

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7 ESV

2 The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.

3 You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle  
tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

#### New Testament: John 1:1-5 ESV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



#### December 22<sup>nd</sup>

##### Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-5 ESV

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

##### New Testament: Luke 1:5-10 ESV

5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

8 Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty,<sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.



#### December 4<sup>th</sup>

##### Old Testament: Isaiah 11:6-10 ESV

6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf  
together;  
and a little child shall lead them.  
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the  
adder's den.  
9 They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

##### New Testament: Luke 1:11-17 ESV

11 And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,<sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."



## December 5th

Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16 ESV

14 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

New Testament: Luke 1:18-25 ESV

18 And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." 19 And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." 21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. 22 And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. 23 And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. 24 After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, 25 "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."



## December 6th

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:14 ESV

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

New Testament: Matthew 1:18-21 ESV

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."



## December 7th

Old Testament: Psalm 89:27-29 ESV

27 And I will make him the firstborn,  
the highest of the kings of the earth.  
28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.  
29 I will establish his offspring forever  
and his throne as the days of the heavens.

New Testament: Matthew 1:22-25 ESV

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:  
23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



## December 8th

Old Testament: Micah 5:2 ESV

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12 ESV

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



## December 9th

Old Testament: Hosea 11:1 ESV

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

New Testament: Matthew 2:13-23 ESV

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.



## December 10th

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-5 ESV

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
4 Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

New Testament: Luke 1:26-33 ESV

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



## December 11th

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:6-8 ESV

6 A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.  
7 The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.  
8 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

New Testament: Luke 1:34-38 ESV

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"  
35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



## December 12th

Old Testament: Psalm 111:9-10 ESV

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!  
10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!

**New Testament: Luke 1: 39-45 ESV**

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."



**December 13th**

**Old Testament: Psalm 103:1-22 ESV**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!  
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,  
3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
4 who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
5 who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
6 The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
9 He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.  
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear  
him;  
12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
13 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who  
fear him.

14 For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.  
15 As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting  
to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
18 to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.  
19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.  
20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!  
21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!  
22 Bless the Lord, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**New Testament: Luke 1:46-56 ESV**

46 And Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his  
servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me  
blessed;  
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
50 And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
51 He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their  
hearts;  
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
55 as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."  
56 And Mary remained with her about three months  
and returned to her home.



## December 14th

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1 ESV

1 Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

New Testament: Luke 1:57-66 ESV

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. 58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. 59 And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, 60 but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." 61 And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." 62 And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. 63 And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. 64 And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, 66 and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.



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## December 16th

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:7-7 ESV

6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

New Testament: Matthew 1:20-23 ESV

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had

spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us).



### December 17th

Old Testament: Joel 2:28-32 ESV

28 "And it shall come to pass afterward,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even on the male and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on  
the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31  
The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to  
blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord  
comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who  
calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in  
Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who  
escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors  
shall be those whom the Lord calls.

New Testament: Luke 1:67-80 ESV

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy  
Spirit and prophesied, saying,

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from  
of old,

71 that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;

72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to  
grant us

74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our  
enemies,

might serve him without fear,

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our  
days.

76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most

High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the  
shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit,  
and he was in the wilderness until the day of his  
public appearance to Israel.



### December 18th

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:5-6 ESV

5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and  
he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute  
justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days  
Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And  
this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is  
our righteousness.'

New Testament: Luke 2:1-7 ESV

1 In those days a decree went out from Caesar  
Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This  
was the first registration when Quirinius was governor  
of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his  
own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee,  
from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of  
David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of  
the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with  
Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while  
they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7  
And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped  
him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no place for them in the inn.



## December 19th

Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5 ESV

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the  
strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.  
5 And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land  
and treads in our palaces,  
then we will raise against him seven shepherds  
and eight princes of men;

New Testament: Luke 2:15-21 ESV

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over  
to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,  
which the Lord has made known to us." 16 And they  
went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and  
the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw  
it, they made known the saying that had been told  
them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it  
wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But  
Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in  
her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying  
and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it  
had been told them.

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was  
circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by  
the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



## December 20th

Old Testament: Psalm 22:1-5 ESV

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words  
of my groaning?  
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,  
and by night, but I find no rest.  
3 Yet you are holy,  
enthroned on the praises of Israel.  
4 In you our fathers trusted;  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
5 To you they cried and were rescued;  
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

New Testament: Matthew 27:32-44 ESV

32 As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene,  
Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry  
his cross. 33 And when they came to a place called  
Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), 34 they  
offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when  
he tasted it, he would not drink it. 35 And when they  
had crucified him, they divided his garments among  
them by casting lots. 36 Then they sat down and kept  
watch over him there. 37 And over his head they put  
the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the  
King of the Jews." 38 Then two robbers were crucified  
with him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 And  
those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads  
40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and  
rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the  
Son of God, come down from the cross." 41 So also the  
chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him,  
saying, 42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself.  
He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from  
the cross, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in  
God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he  
said, 'I am the Son of God.'" 44 And the robbers who  
were crucified with him also reviled him in the same  
way.



## December 21st

Old Testament: Psalm 22:6-8 ESV

6 But I am a worm and not a man,  
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.  
7 All who see me mock me;  
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;  
8 "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him;  
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

New Testament: Matthew 27:45-50 ESV

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." 48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. 49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.



## December 22nd

Old Testament: Isaiah 59:1-2 ESV

1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,  
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;  
2 but your iniquities have made a separation  
between you and your God,  
and your sins have hidden his face from you  
so that he does not hear.

New Testament: Matthew 27:51-56 ESV

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" 55 There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.



## December 23rd

Old Testament: Psalm 89:19-28 ESV

19 Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:  
"I have granted help to one who is mighty;  
I have exalted one chosen from the people.  
20 I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him,  
21 so that my hand shall be established with him;  
my arm also shall strengthen him.  
22 The enemy shall not outwit him;  
the wicked shall not humble him.  
23 I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.  
24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,  
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.  
25 I will set his hand on the sea  
and his right hand on the rivers.  
26 He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'  
27 And I will make him the firstborn,  
the highest of the kings of the earth.  
28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

New Testament: Luke 24:13-35 ESV

13 That very day two of them were going to a village

named Emmaus, about seven miles[a]from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." 25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.



## December 24th

Old Testament: Exodus 33:15-23 ESV

15 And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

17 And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

New Testament: John 1:14-18 ESV

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

