

Suggestions for Midweek Advent Services

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In the January 1969 issue of the *Quarterly* (page 11) we encouraged our readers who have midweek Advent services to serve their brethren by submitting outlines of Advent series which they had found to be stimulating in preparation and edifying in presentation. The suggestions which were submitted were reviewed by two members of the editorial staff and their selection is herewith presented in the hope that they will be profitable to the brethren who are looking for variety in their midweek Advent services.

I. Where Was the Savior's Birth Foretold in the Old Testament?

1. In a Place that Was Lost (Genesis 3:15,23,24).
2. In a Place Not yet Received (Genesis 26:3,4).
3. In a Place To Be Regained (Isaiah 40:10-5).

II. Women of the Old Testament and the Coming Savior.

1. The Savior Was To Be a Savior of Sinners (Joshua 6:25).
2. The Savior Was To Be a Savior of All Nations (Ruth 1:16,17).
3. The Savior Was To Come in Accordance with God's World Governance (Esther 4:13,14).

III. The Revelation of the Eternal Son of God. (Series Theme: Rev. 1:8)

1. Of Him Who Was (John 8:58).
2. Of Him Who Is (Rev. 1:18).
3. Of Him Who Is To Come (Rev. 1:7).

IV. Lord Jesus, Come to Me.

1. Lord Jesus, Come to Me with Thy Love (I John 4:7-12).
2. Lord Jesus, Come to Me with Thy Truth (I John 4:1-6).
3. Lord Jesus, Come to Me with Thy Power (I John 4:17-19).

V. Zacharias.

1. Zacharias Is Startled by the Angel's Message (Luke 1:17).
2. Zacharias Follows the Word of God (Luke 1:63).
3. Zacharias Preaches the Word of God (Luke 1:76).

VI. To Whom Does Jesus Come?

1. Jesus Comes with Proof to Him Who Doubts (Luke 1:18-20).
2. Jesus Comes with Comfort to Him Who Waits (Luke 1:26,31-33).
3. Jesus Comes with Enlightenment to Him Who Does Not Understand (Matthew 1:20-23).

VII. He's Coming! What Have We Done with the Word?

1. He's Coming! What Have We Done with the Word in Our Hearts? (John 5:39).
2. He's Coming! What Have We Done with the Word in Our Congregation? (I Thessalonians 5:14-16).
3. He's Coming! What Have We Done with the Word in the World? (Matthew 28:19,20).

VIII. Christ Compared with Old Testament Heroes.

1. Christ, Our Mediator, Compared with Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6).

2. Christ, Our Captain, Compared with Joshua (Hebrews 2:9–11).
3. Christ, Our King, Compared with David (Luke 20:41–44).

We believe that the above series strike the keynote of Advent preaching: to heighten the anticipation of the celebration of the Savior's birth either by helping our Christians to catch again some of the spirit of expectation which the ancient prophecies had called forth in the hearts of Old Testament believers, or by extolling the excellence of the anticipated gift of the Christ-child.

With this presentation of outlines we shall terminate for the present this method of providing something of a homiletical nature in this publication. We do intend, however, from time to time to present an article on some phase of the pastor's work as preacher.