

GRACE

BREVARD

To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus



A white silhouette of a nativity scene is centered within the letter 'O' of the word 'ADORE'. It depicts the Virgin Mary on the left, the infant Jesus in a manger at the bottom, and the Holy Spirit on the right, all under a bright star. The background is a dark blue field filled with small white crosses representing stars.

ADORE

A black silhouette of a landscape is at the bottom of the image, featuring a cluster of evergreen trees on the left and rolling hills across the rest of the width.

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Pre-Advent
“Long Expected Jesus”
Matthew 17:1-8

Matthew 12:41b, 42b
...something greater
than Jonah is here.
...something greater
than Solomon is here.

PreAdvent Reading: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Jeremiah 23:5-6

“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.’”



PreAdvent Reading: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud,
O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is
coming to you; righteous and having salvation is
he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt,
the foal of a donkey.



PreAdvent Reading: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴² The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.





One Story



Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration



Matthew 17:1-8

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.



⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”



⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.



God's Pursuit of His Bride

Prophets

Priests

Kings

Temple



Prophets: *God's Liaisons To Us*

Exodus 4:30

Aaron spoke all the words that the LORD had spoken to Moses and did the signs in the sight of the people.

Deuteronomy 34:10

And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face...

Who God is

Who We Are

How to Live



Priests: *God's Liaisons From Us*

Leviticus 16:10

Aaron (the high priest) shall make (blood) atonement on its horns once a year... It is most holy to the Lord.

Pray on Behalf of
God's People

Sacrifice on Behalf
of God's People



Kings: *God's Human Rulers Over Us*

1 Samuel 8:19b-20

And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us,²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Act 13:22

'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

Provide

Protect

Lead



Temple: *God's Presence With Us*

Leviticus 16:2

“Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.”



Matthew 12:40-41

41^b and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

42^b and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.



God's Redemption of His Bride

The Long Expected Jesus

Luke 4:16-21

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,



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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the
captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*



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The Long Expected Jesus

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, ***“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”***



Jesus The Temple: *God Presence With Us*

Matthew 1:21

“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).



Jesus The Prophet: *God's Word With Us*

John 1:1-3

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.

Not merely the greatest teacher, but **THE Word Himself.**



Jesus The Priest: *God's Sacrifice for Us*

Hebrews 7:26-27

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Not merely a liaison and sacrifice, but the perfect sacrifice himself.



Jesus The King: *God Reigning Over Us*

Act 13:22

And when (God) had removed (Saul), he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' ²³

Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.



Jesus The King: *God Reigning Over Us*

Philippians 2:8-11

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.



Jesus

Prophet, Priest and King

Hebrews 1:3

(Jesus) is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...



Living Temple

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?



Living Temple

Hebrews 4:14

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

