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# Advent Week #1

## “Christ the King”

Advents is a time to purposefully prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus.

This week is the first week of Advent where we focus on Christ the Newborn King who reigns not in fury but in but sacrifice

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# Gospel Reading for Advent Week #1

Luke 1:26-33

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

# Old Testament Reading for Advent Week #1

## Isaiah 9

<sup>2c</sup> 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.

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

# Call to Worship from Psalm 47

*An ancient invitation into this sacred and powerful gathering*

LEADER

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
<sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

ALL

<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!

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<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!

ALL

<sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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# The First & Last Advent

**ADVENT WEEK 1**  
**“CHRIST THE KING”**

**REVELATION 5**  
***“THE KING’S LAST WILL”***

**NOVEMBER 27**

*5:9b “Worthy are you to take the  
scroll and to open its seals...”*





# Review of Last Week's Advent Week #0 in Revelation 4

## Revelation 4 & 5 go together: Theophany & Christophany

4:1b "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2b ...and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.

4a Around the throne were twenty-four thrones...

6b And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures,

8b "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Jesus has ushered all creation into the Heavenly Throne Room where we join together in enthusiastic worship as we anticipate the Restoration of All Things

*But the future is locked up tight and seems totally out of reach.*

## Revelation 5

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup> And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

*“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

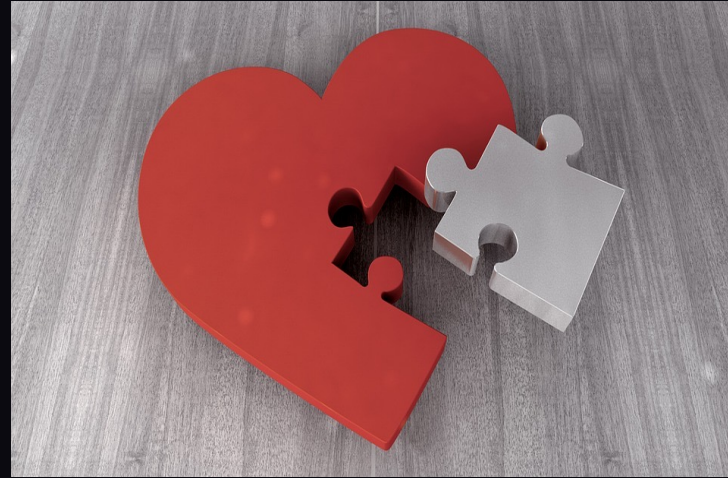
*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”*

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

*“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”*

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

# How this fits in the big picture

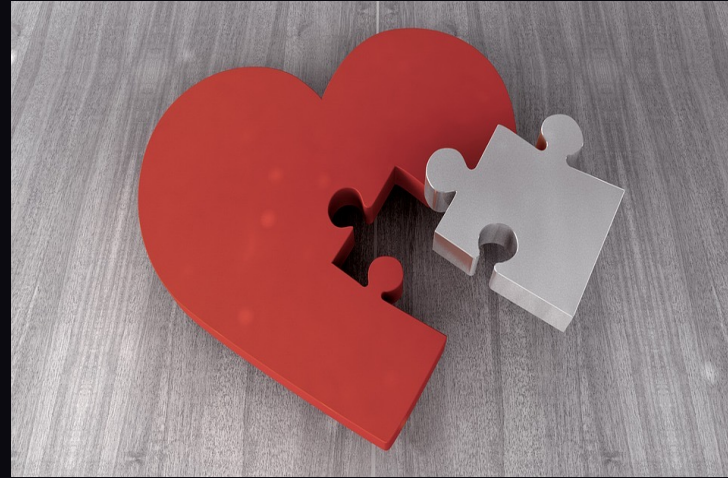


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## This Puzzle Piece

Who will be able to unlock and  
bring about this inheritance?

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The Scroll  
The Heir  
The Celebration

A photograph of several lit purple and blue candles on a tray, surrounded by warm white string lights, creating a cozy and festive atmosphere.

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# The Scroll

The Final Chapter of The World

*Two-Sided Scroll*

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Can only be opened, thereby releasing it's contents, by the rightful heir,  
the only one with a claim to the deeded property.

# The Heir

## The Lion of Judah

### Genesis 49

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## Root of Jesse

### Isaiah 11

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb...and a little child shall lead them.

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Isa 53:7

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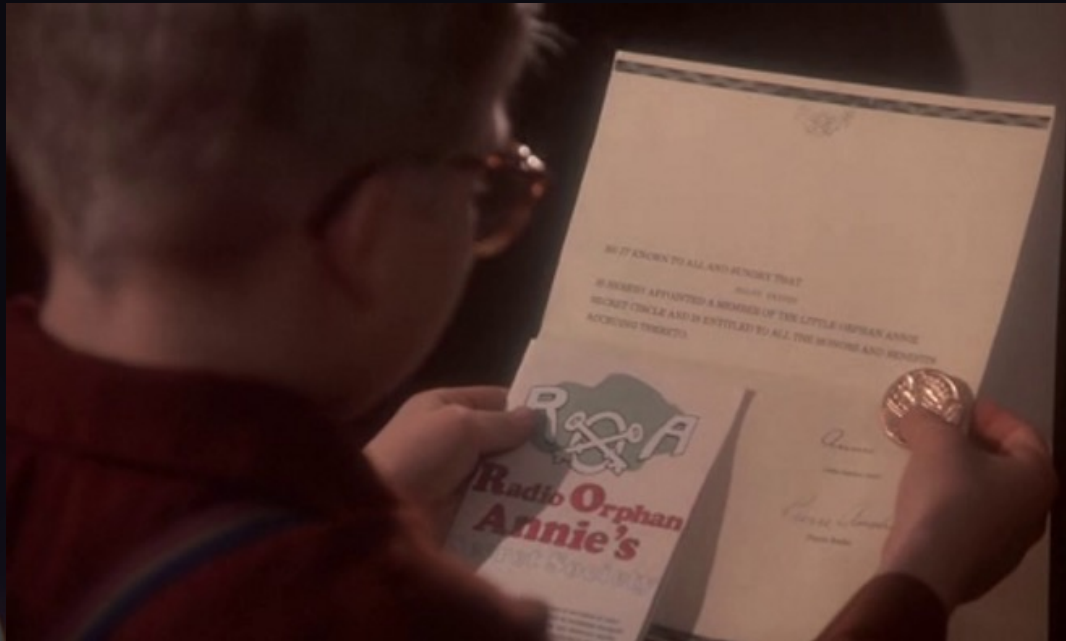
The Lion IS The Lamb  
Victory Through Sacrifice

***This is the central filter for The Whole Gospel and Our Whole Lives***



# The Gospel Decoder Ring

In a universal culture of  
“Us vs. Them” and “Might is Right”



## Weakness, Love & Sacrifice

- Vulnerable Poor Infant
- Befriended the Marginalized
- Wept with us
- Voluntarily Crucified
- Eternally Scarred

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# Response

As we progressively realize that our seemingly defeated King has actually purchased our freedom and victory, and is making all things new...

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Who He Is and  
What He's Done

Who We Are and  
What We'll Do



*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.  
"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times.  
But that is not for them to decide.  
All we have to decide is what to do with the time  
that is given us."*

*-J.R.R. Tolkien*



Daryl Davis befriending Klansmen,  
accumulating 200 robes over 30 years

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Summarize this passage  
in 10 words or less

*Celebrating the Impossible Victory Won by our Sacrificial King*

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# Benediction

*A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God's people.*

Revelation 5:9b

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