

# HOPE OF JESUS: CHRIST HAS COME

*Jesus Week 2020*

*Start with prayer. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open your heart and mind to the Truth of Scripture and what God is revealing to you through His Word.*

## **DAY 1- IN THE BEGINNING**

*Read: John 1:1-18*

*Reflect & Pray:* We are starting with the Gospel of John to see who Jesus is. He is not a prophet, not just a really good guy, and He's not just a baby. Jesus is God. Why is it important to know and believe that Jesus is God? What are the implications for us if that is true? What are the implications be for those who don't believe Jesus is God? Spend your time in prayer asking for God to prepare your heart for this week. Pray that you stay focused on Jesus in the days leading up to Christmas and find ways to reflect, celebrate and share throughout the season and beyond.

## **DAY 2 - HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED**

*Read: Isaiah 9:1-7*

*Reflect & Pray:* Isaiah has one of the most well known prophecies about the Messiah. As you read through the prophecy in in Isaiah, do you see how Jesus fulfilled them? Go through the four titles in Isaiah 9:6- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace- and list ways Jesus has been those to you personally. If you are struggling to connect to Jesus in those ways pray for God to reveal Himself to you. Spend time praising God for who He is, how He relates to you, and how He has worked and will work in your life.

## **DAY 3- GENEALOGY OF JESUS**

*Read: Matthew Chapter 1*

*Reflect & Pray:* The Book of Matthew starts with the genealogy of Jesus, and while it can seem like a long list of names, it is also another prophesy of the Messiah fulfilled (from the line of David, 2 Samuel 7:12). Jesus, like us had ancestors who were used by God to do great things, but who also sinned against God that led to destruction. Spend time reflecting on those in your family (whether your direct line or you spiritual family). Who made an impact on your faith (positive or negative)? How did God use them to build your relationship with Him? How are you pouring in those in your family (immediate and spiritual)? Pray for wisdom on how to love and lead others in following Jesus. If you are not discipling someone and/or being discipled, pray for the opportunity to share the journey of following Jesus with another person.

## **DAY 4- CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Read: Luke 2:1-20*

*Reflect & Pray:* Luke has the most detailed story of the actual birth of Jesus. Take time reading the story. Read it from different perspectives of those in the text, what were they doing and feeling? Spend time in Prayer and Reflection. Looking back on the entire season of Advent, what has God revealed to you? How has He shown His faithfulness and His character? Spend time praising God for who He is and His plan to redeem the world through Jesus the Messiah. If you are celebrating with others, share those revelations with one another.

## **DAY 5- CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Read: Luke 2:1-20*

*Reflect & Pray:* The Wise Men (Magi) were Gentiles, meaning that they were not of Jewish religion. They were not waiting for a Messiah to save them, but God still revealed Himself to them. He invited and guided them to see and worship Jesus. God invites all people to worship Him. Everyone has the opportunity to be a part of God's Kingdom if they repent and believe. Pray for those in your life who don't know Jesus- that they will have a personal encounter with the Messiah. As Jesus came to us and met us were we were, pray that you meet those far from God where they are. Pray for opportunities to love, share, and walk alongside them well.

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TO CELEBRATE WITH THOSE YOU GATHER WITH ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**

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