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Intro

# 'TIS THE *Season*

December is quickly becoming a month of shopping lists, busyness, and frenzy. For centuries, though, the Church has kept Advent as a season to slow down and remember, rehearse, and rejoice in the miracle that changed the world.

If you've been longing for a December that feels more like the second kind, you've found the right devotional.

Before the angels sang, before the shepherds ran, before Mary cradled the infant Christ in her arms, heaven itself bent low, and the Word took on flesh. The Incarnation opens the Christmas story, and it is also the blazing center of redemption, the mystery that holds the whole Christian faith together.

*Marvel at the Mystery of Christmas* is an invitation to enter that mystery with reverence, awe, and expectation. It's a call to behold Jesus with fresh wonder: to marvel at His humility, to tremble at His glory, and to worship Him as fully God and fully human, come to redeem humanity from corruption, death, and darkness.

This Advent, may your heart be renewed with holy amazement. May you rediscover the staggering truth that the eternal Son came close to redeem us. He stepped into our world, took on our flesh, and joined Himself to our humanity so that we might share in His life, His victory, and His joy forever. What a beautiful mystery, made known in the face of Jesus!

*Rachel*

# WHY THE *Incarnation* MATTERS

We cannot understand the cross unless we understand the manger. We cannot grasp the miracle of redemption unless we grasp the miracle of God becoming human.

*Incarnation* is the word for the eternal Son of God taking on human flesh, fully God and fully human. In it we see God's unshakeable love: in flesh and blood, He refused to abandon humanity to corruption. We see the humility of Jesus, who embraced weakness, vulnerability, and the limits of a human body. We see God's nearness, because Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. And we see God's mission. Christ came to save, heal, deliver, restore, and re-create.

The eternal Word entered our story so fully that He knew hunger, fatigue, grief, temptation, pain, and death, yet without sin. Jesus came to forgive us, and He came to make us new. The Incarnation is where that new-creation life begins.

To marvel at this truth is to return to the heart of the gospel. To meditate on it is to behold the love that rescued us. And to meet Jesus here through Advent is to make room in our hearts for His presence.

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*"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." Hebrews 4:15*

# WHO WAS *St. Athanasius?*

This study includes readings from *On the Incarnation* by St. Athanasius, one of the most influential voices of the early church. Athanasius lived in the fourth century, when the church was wrestling deeply with questions about the identity of Christ. The early followers of Jesus were asking many of the same questions we still ask today. Was Jesus truly God? Was He created? Was He merely a prophet, or a human being with supernatural power? Who is He?

Athanasius became the foremost defender of the biblical and apostolic truth that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human. As a young deacon he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325, and as bishop of Alexandria he spent the rest of his life defending the Nicene faith, through five exiles. His writing still strengthens the Church's foundation today.

In *On the Incarnation*, Athanasius points to God's Word to explain:

- Why God created humanity
- How sin brought corruption and death
- Why the Incarnation was necessary
- What Christ accomplished in His life, death, and resurrection
- How the Word restores humanity
- Why Jesus is the only Savior of the world

# WHO WAS *St. Athanasius?*

*CONTINUED*

Though written nearly 1,700 years ago, this work shines with clarity, beauty, and biblical insight. It is deeply theological and deeply devotional. The early church held doctrine and wonder together, and Athanasius shows us how to think and worship at the same time.

This study draws from his wisdom as a way to recover a holy, historic, Spirit-filled vision of Jesus Christ.

Because this work was written long ago, you may have to read slowly and thoughtfully, with grace for yourself, trusting God to give you the understanding that will help you.

Especially notice where reading St. Athanasius points you toward a deeper study of God's Word and a deeper reverence for it!

FINDING THE TEXT

Any edition works, because the 57 numbered sections are the same in every one. Turn the page for two ways to get your copy.

# Reading St. Athanasius

*On the Incarnation* is a short book, about sixty pages in most editions. Athanasius wrote it as a long letter to a fellow believer he calls "Macarius, true lover of Christ," and he talks to him the way a teacher talks to a friend. Picture yourself in that chair.

This workbook walks you through the whole book in twenty-five days, a few sections at a time. Each day has two readings that sit side by side: a Bible passage and a handful of sections from Athanasius. Every day also has a box called **Athanasius in plain words**, a short summary of that day's sections so you know where he's headed before you start.

FREE ONLINE

The book is in the public domain. Archibald Robertson's 1892 translation is free to read a newadvent.org/fathers/2802.ht

PAPERBACK

My favorite edition has C.S. Lewis's well-known introduction. Find it at link.amazon/B06kdQ49H. Its wording differs a little from the quotes here.

READING TIPS

1. Read the Bible passage first, then Athanasius.
2. Read the plain-words box before the sections. It works like a map.
3. Go slowly. Read a paragraph out loud if a sentence feels tangled.
4. Underline one line that makes you marvel, and copy it into your notes.
5. If a section loses you, keep going. Athanasius circles back to his main points again and again.

# OLD Words

**The Word.** Jesus, the eternal Son of God. John calls Him the *Logos*, the Word (John 1:1).

**Corruption and incorruption.** Corruption is decay: the body wearing out, life falling apart, sliding back toward nothing. Incorruption is life that can no longer decay.

**Image and Likeness.** The image of God placed in people at creation (Genesis 1:26). Jesus is the Image Himself (Colossians 1:15), and He came to restore that image in us.

**Godhead and Manhood.** Godhead means His divine nature. Manhood means His human nature. Jesus is fully both.

**Sojourn.** A stay. His "sojourn in our midst" is His life on earth.

**The Greeks, Gentiles, and heathen.** People of Athanasius's day who worshiped many gods, including educated pagan thinkers who laughed at the idea of God in a body.

**Refutation.** An answer to objections. Sections 33–40 answer Jewish objections, and Sections 41–55 answer Greek ones.

**Oracles.** Pagan shrines where people went to get messages from the gods.

**"Our former book."** Athanasius wrote *Against the Heathen* first, and *On the Incarnation* is part two. You don't need part one to follow along.

**"That we might become God."** Section 54. We share in God's life by grace, as Peter wrote (2 Peter 1:4). We never become God by nature.

# HOW TO USE THIS *Devotional*

- This workbook is a study guide for two reading plans that walk together through Advent: a Bible reading plan and a reading plan through *On the Incarnation* by St. Athanasius. It's a twenty-five-day plan you can start any time. Start on December 1 and Day 25 lands on Christmas morning, or start whenever you're ready.
- Each day, read the Scripture passages, then the day's sections of Athanasius. The "Athanasius in plain words" box will help you follow him. A few days have no new sections, so you can linger with one you've already read.
- Each day includes a brief reflection, a reflection question, a prayer, and a listening question to ask the Holy Spirit, with space to write what God shows you, what you're learning, or questions you have. Some days you may sense direction. Other days, comfort, conviction, or encouragement. Write it down. Treasure it.
- Each week ends with a deeper reflection and activation, and a Sabbath page with a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and space for notes. Use them on a weekend or any day you need to slow down. They don't count toward the twenty-five days.
- Each day also has a Jesse tree ornament. The printable verse ornaments, in a colored set and a print-friendly set, are in the Appendix at the back of the book. Hang one a day on a small tree or branch, and by Christmas you'll have the whole story of God's promises, from creation to the manger.
- Take your time. Read what you can, understand what you can, and remember the goal: to encounter Jesus.

ON A FULL DAY

Read the Bible passage and the plain-words box, answer the reflection question, and pray the prayer. Save the full Athanasius sections for later. That still counts.

# Devotional TIPS

I encourage you to use this devotional through the month of December to get a head start on any January resolutions, or any refreshing you know your personal devotion with Jesus may need. If you don't yet spend daily quiet time with God in prayer, silence, and reading God's Word, this is a great place to begin!

It's helpful to set your devotional time with Jesus ahead of time. Being prepared to meet with the Lord each day, and keeping that "appointment," is half the battle in establishing a rhythm of daily time with God.

Plan to spend around 30 minutes each day preparing your heart to marvel at Jesus this Christmas season. If you're new to this, or you want to grow, these simple tips may help.

As I mentioned, take this study slowly. This is a journey of beholding: learning to sit with Jesus, listen to His voice, welcome His presence, and let His Word shape and transform you.

Before we start Day One, here is a simple guide to help you cultivate a prayerful rhythm throughout December as you walk through the mystery of Christ's Incarnation.

MY ADVENT APPOINTMENT WITH JESUS

TIME _____

PLACE _____

WHAT I WANT TO BRING _____

# Devotional TIPS

**1. Begin With a Posture of Welcome**

Before you open your Bible or read a single word of Athanasius, pause and welcome the Lord. Say something like:

*"Jesus, I turn my attention to You."*
*"Holy Spirit, come teach me."*
*"Father, I am here to meet with You."*

God loves to be invited. He delights in responsive hearts. He draws near when we draw near (James 4:8). Take your time with this moment. Let your heart soften, and let your attention remain on Him.

**2. Sit in Stillness Before God**

Stillness makes room for us to receive more of God. "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). It is the space where we learn to attend to the presence of God. Here is a simple practice:

1. Sit comfortably.
2. Close your eyes or lower your gaze.
3. Breathe slowly: inhale deeply, exhale gently.
4. When distractions arise, gently release them.
5. Whisper a phrase that anchors you in Christ, such as "Jesus, You are here," or "Speak, Lord."

Give yourself permission to take one to three minutes of silence each day. Over time, you will sense your capacity for stillness expanding. This quiet is about presence. It is where your heart becomes aware of Him.

# WAYS TO PRAY *This Advent*

Advent has always been a season of watching and waiting. Here are a few ways Christians have waited on the Lord for centuries, and ways the Holy Spirit still meets us today. Try a new one each week, or come back to whichever one helps you most.

**Lectio Divina (holy reading)**

Read the day's Bible passage slowly, three times. The first time, notice a word or phrase that catches your attention. The second time, ask what it's saying to your life today. The third time, answer God in your own words. Then rest in His presence for a minute without saying anything at all.

**Breath prayer**

Each week has a short prayer you can pray with your breath, on the page that opens the week. Pray the first line as you breathe in and the second as you breathe out. Pray it while you wash dishes, sit at a red light, or rock a baby to sleep.

**Listening prayer**

Every day ends with a question to ask the Holy Spirit. Ask it, then wait. He speaks through Scripture first, and He may also bring a verse to mind, a picture, a gentle impression, or a quiet sense of His peace. Write down what comes, and weigh it with the questions on the "What God Spoke" page near the end of this workbook.

# WAYS TO PRAY *This Advent*

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**Stepping into the story**

In Weeks Three and Four you'll read the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth. Read slowly and step into the scene: Mary's small room in Nazareth, Elizabeth's doorway, the crowded house in Bethlehem, the fields at night. What do you see and hear? Talk to Jesus about it. Christians have prayed the Gospels this way for centuries, and Ignatius of Loyola taught it to many in the 1500s.

**Praying in the Spirit**

If you pray in tongues, give a few minutes of your quiet time to it, then pray with your understanding too (1 Corinthians 14:15). If you don't, or you're not sure what that means, you can simply ask the Father for more of His Spirit. Jesus promised that He gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him (Luke 11:13).

**Worship**

Sing! Each Sabbath page has a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Put on a worship song before you read, and let it turn your heart toward Jesus.

**Rest**

Some days the best prayer is to sit with Jesus and let Him love you. That counts too.

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ADVENT READING PLAN

Each day, read the Scripture and the sections of St. Athanasius's *On the Incarnation*, then check off the day. Start December 1 to finish on Christmas. Each week ends with a reflection page and a Sabbath page whenever you need them. Come to encounter Jesus.

| | | SCRIPTURE · ON THE INCARNATION SECTIONS |
|---|---|---|
| WEEK ONE | *The Story Before the Manger* | |
| ☐ DAY 1 | *In the Beginning Was the Word* | Genesis 1:1–3; John 1:1–3; Hebrews 11:3 — 1–2 |
| ☐ DAY 2 | *Made in His Image* | Genesis 1:26–31; Colossians 1:15–17 — 3 |
| ☐ DAY 3 | *The Fall and the First Promise* | Genesis 3:1–15 — 4–5 |
| ☐ DAY 4 | *The Divine Dilemma* | Romans 5:12–19; Romans 8:19–23 — 6–7 |
| ☐ DAY 5 | *Heaven Bends Low* | Philippians 2:5–8; Hebrews 2:14–15 — 8–10 |
| END OF WEEK | Reflection and activation · Sabbath: "O come, Thou Rod of Jesse" | |
| WEEK TWO | *Promise and Prophecy of the Coming One* | |
| ☐ DAY 6 | *The Promise to Abraham* | Genesis 12:1–3; Genesis 22:15–18; Galatians 3:16 — 11–12 |
| ☐ DAY 7 | *The Lion of Judah* | Genesis 49:8–10; Revelation 5:5 — 13–14 |
| ☐ DAY 8 | *The Redeemer From Bethlehem* | Ruth 4:13–17; Matthew 1:5 — 8 (again) |
| ☐ DAY 9 | *A Son for David's Throne* | 2 Samuel 7:8–16; Psalm 2 — 15–16 |
| ☐ DAY 10 | *A Shoot From the Stump of Jesse* | Isaiah 11:1–10; Luke 4:16–21 — 35 |
| ☐ DAY 11 | *Immanuel, God With Us* | Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:2–7 — 17–19 |
| ☐ DAY 12 | *Bethlehem's Suffering Shepherd* | Micah 5:2–5; Isaiah 53:3–6 — 20–21 |
| END OF WEEK | Reflection and activation · Sabbath: "O come, Thou Dayspring" | |
| WEEK THREE | *The Word Appears in Flesh* | |
| ☐ DAY 13 | *Elizabeth's Hidden Months* | Luke 1:5–25 — 3 (again) |
| ☐ DAY 14 | *Mary's Yes* | Luke 1:26–38 — 22–25 |
| ☐ DAY 15 | *Filled With the Spirit* | Luke 1:39–45 — 26–29 |
| ☐ DAY 16 | *Mary's Song* | Luke 1:46–56 — 30–32 |
| ☐ DAY 17 | *Prepare the Way* | Isaiah 40:1–5; Luke 1:13–17 — 40 |
| ☐ DAY 18 | *Zechariah Prophesies* | Luke 1:67–79 — 33–37 |
| ☐ DAY 19 | *Joseph's Obedience* | Matthew 1:18–25 — 38–40 |
| END OF WEEK | Reflection and activation · Sabbath: "O come, Thou Key of David" | |
| WEEK FOUR | *Triumph and New Creation* | |
| ☐ DAY 20 | *Born to Redeem* | Galatians 4:4–7; Titus 3:4–7 — 41–45 |
| ☐ DAY 21 | *Worthy Is the Lamb* | Revelation 5:6–14 — 46–50 |
| ☐ DAY 22 | *Every Nation, All Things New* | Revelation 7:9–12; Revelation 21:1–5 — 51–53 |
| ☐ DAY 23 | *Arise, Shine* | Isaiah 60:1–3; Matthew 2:1–11 — 37 (again) |
| ☐ DAY 24 | *No Room, and Glory in the Fields* | Luke 2:1–20 — 54 |
| ☐ DAY 25 | *The Word Became Flesh* | John 1:14–18; Luke 2:25–32 — 55–57 |

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Welcome to Advent. Read the introduction and pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

### AFTER DAY 25

Closing reflection: carrying the Incarnation into your life.

# BEGINNING *Reflections*

Welcome to Advent! Today is the start of our journey. Read the welcome pages, light a candle if you like, and pray the first verse of the hymn we'll sing together all month.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,*
*And ransom captive Israel,*
*That mourns in lonely exile here*
*Until the Son of God appear.*
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*
*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Then take a few minutes with these questions. You'll come back to them at the closing.

1. How would you like this Advent and Christmas season to feel different from last year?

2. Why does it feel important to turn your focus toward Jesus this season?

3. Where do you want to grow with Jesus this Advent? (Maybe a greater love for Him, knowing Him better, growing in prayer, reading the Bible with more confidence, or a steadier daily rhythm.)


Week
ONE

# The Story Before the Manger

WEEK ONE

Before we marvel at the manger, we must behold the Maker. The mystery of Christmas starts long before Bethlehem, with the God who spoke light into being and then stepped into the world He formed. To understand the Incarnation, we first remember the glory of the One who came.

## memory verse

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14*

## breath prayer

BREATHE IN: *Word who made me,*

BREATHE OUT: *make me new.*

READINGS:

*Bible Reading:*
Genesis 1:1–3
John 1:1–3
Hebrews 11:3

*On the Incarnation:*
Sections 1–2

# In the Beginning Was the Word

## reflection

Before there was a stable, a star, or a single shepherd, there was the Word.

That's where John chose to begin. Matthew and Luke open with family trees and angel visits. John goes back further, before anything existed at all: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Those first three words are the same ones that open Genesis. John wants us to hear creation humming in the background.

The Greek word for "Word" is *logos*. It's how God expresses Himself, the way He speaks. And John tells us exactly what that Word did: "All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). Every mountain. Every star. The coffee in your mug and the hands wrapped around it.

Athanasius opens *On the Incarnation* in the same place. He could have started with Mary or the manger. He takes us back to creation instead, because "the renewal of creation has been wrought by the Self-same Word Who made it in the beginning." The One who came to save the world is the One who made it.

So the next time you pass a nativity set, stop for a second and look at the tiny figure in the hay. The Baby in the manger is the Creator of galaxies. The One wrapped in swaddling cloths once wrapped the universe in stars. He took on the very flesh He had formed.

Christmas begins with wonder because creation begins with Christ Himself… marvel at that!

JESSE TREE · ORNAMENT 1

**God Makes Everything** · Genesis 1:1–25. The full workbook has a printable verse ornament for every day.

ATHANASIUS IN PLAIN WORDS · SECTIONS 1–2

Athanasius tells his friend he's going to explain why God's Word became human. First, he clears away three wrong ideas about how the world began: that it all happened by chance, that God shaped it out of stuff that already existed, or that some lesser god made it. His answer is that God made everything out of nothing through His Word. When you see "the Word," think Jesus (John 1:1).

## *reflection question*

Read John 1:1–3 slowly, twice. What changes for you this Advent when you picture the Baby in the manger as the One who spoke light into being?

## *pray*

Jesus, You were there in the beginning, and everything I see was made through You. Before I rush into this season, I want to stop and wonder. Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the glory of the One who came.

## *listen*

*Holy Spirit, show me one thing You made today that points me to Jesus.*

READINGS:

*Bible Reading:*
Genesis 1:26–31
Colossians 1:15–17

*On the Incarnation:*
Section 3

# Made in His Image

## reflection

Have you ever watched a little one make the exact face their mom makes? Same squint, same laugh, same way of tilting their head. Nobody has to tell you whose child that is.

On the sixth day of creation, God does something He didn't do with the stars or the sea creatures. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). The Hebrew word for image is *tselem*. In the ancient world, a king set up statues of himself across his land so everyone knew whose land it was. God placed His image in people. You and I were made to show the world what He is like.

Athanasius lingers here, and I love how generous his picture of God is: "Grudging existence to none therefore, He made all things out of nothing through His own Word." Of everything God made, he says, God showed "especial mercy" to people and gave us "the impress of His own Image," a share in the life of the Word Himself.

Then Paul tells us whose face we were made to resemble. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation" (Colossians 1:15). Jesus is the Image, and we were made according to Him. So when the Image comes to live among us at Christmas, He comes to restore what He first stamped on us.

Maybe you're used to starting with what's wrong with you. Start here today. God looked at everything He had made, people included, "and behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). Those were His first words over humanity, and He meant them.

JESSE TREE · ORNAMENT 2

**Adam and Eve** · Genesis 2:7–25; 3:1–15. The full workbook has a printable verse ornament for every day.

ATHANASIUS IN PLAIN WORDS · SECTION 3

God made people out of nothing and then gave us a gift He gave nothing else: a share in His own Image, so we could know Him and live with Him. He placed Adam and Eve in paradise with one command. If they kept it, they would never decay. If they broke it, death would take hold. “Corruption” is Athanasius’s word for that decay, the slow slide back toward nothing.

## *reflection question*

What does it mean to you that you were made in the image of God, before you ever did anything right or wrong?

## *pray*

Father, You made me on purpose and called Your work very good. Jesus, You are the Image I was made to reflect. Holy Spirit, restore in me what sin has smudged, so others can see what You are like.

## *listen*

*Father, how do You see me?*

READINGS:

*Bible Reading:*
Genesis 3:1–15

*On the Incarnation:*
Sections 4–5

# The Fall and the First Promise

## reflection

Do you remember the first thing you ever tried to hide from your parents? The broken lamp pushed behind the couch. The note from the teacher at the bottom of the backpack. Hiding comes naturally to us, and Genesis 3 shows us where it started.

The serpent asks one small question: "Did God actually say…?" (Genesis 3:1). Adam and Eve reach for what God told them not to touch, and the first thing they do afterward is hide. Shame walks in with sin, and death follows close behind.

Athanasius explains why a book about Christmas has to talk about the fall: "it was our sorry case that caused the Word to come down, our transgression that called out His love for us." Read that one again slowly. Our sin drew God near. People had turned "from the contemplation of God to evil of their own devising," and they began to slide back toward the nothing they were made from. God saw it, and He moved toward us.

Now look at what God says before anyone leaves the garden. He speaks to the serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). Irenaeus, writing in the second century, already read this verse as a promise of Christ, and later Christians gave it a name: the first gospel. In the very hour of the fall, God promised a Son of the woman who would crush the enemy and be wounded doing it.

Friend, God's first word after our worst moment was a promise. Advent is the season of remembering that He keeps it.

JESSE TREE · ORNAMENT 3

**Noah and the Rainbow** · Genesis 6:5–22; 9:8–17. The full workbook has a printable verse ornament for every day.

ATHANASIUS IN PLAIN WORDS · SECTIONS 4–5

Why talk about Adam in a Christmas book? Because our need is the reason Jesus came. When people turned away from God, death took hold and they began wasting away. Sin didn't stay small, either. It spread from one wrong to the next until the whole world was full of it. Athanasius wants you to see how deep the problem went, so you can see how great the rescue is.

## *reflection question*

Where are you tempted to hide from God the way Adam and Eve did? What would it look like to come out from behind the trees and let Him find you?

## *pray*

Lord, I don't want to hide from You. Thank You that Your answer to our sin was a promise, and that the promise has a name: Jesus. I come out of hiding today and stand in Your mercy.

## *listen*

*Lord, what promise do You want me to hold on to today?*

## KEEP *Going*

That's the first three days. The full workbook keeps going all the way to the manger, with twenty-five daily readings, a Jesse tree verse ornament for each day, a breath prayer and a reflection and activation each week, Sabbath pages with "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and a closing to carry the Incarnation into the rest of your life.

Week Two follows God's promises through Abraham, Judah, Ruth, David, the stump of Jesse, Isaiah, and little Bethlehem. Week Three opens Luke 1, where Elizabeth hides her miracle, Mary says yes, and Zechariah prophesies. Week Four lifts our eyes to the Lamb on the throne, follows the wise men to the King, then brings us back to the stable for the last two days.

The full workbook is $6.99 at home.discipleco.org/advent.

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