

Advent 2- The Light “With Us”

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

in the Gospel of John we meet an absolutely powerful God in human flesh who controls and rules the Universe He created.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:1-8

The Old Testament eagerly anticipates the Messiah to come and the New Testament eagerly awaits His return.

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Matthew 11:11

A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God” Isaiah 40:3

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Malachi 3:1

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”—3 “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” 4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Mark 1:1-3

The first and greatest responsibility of all Christians is to testify to the light.

Repentance is then the physical and spiritual act of getting rid of everything in our lives that is not pleasing to our King.

The birth of Jesus was far more cosmically epic and infinitely legendary than the way it seemed from an exclusively earthly point of view.

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. John 12:46