

Advent

Lesson 3





Adventus – "arrival"

Three Focuses



Arrival in
Bethlehem



Arrival in
your life



Arrival to
come

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tasting a feasting on the advent events



A man with curly brown hair and a shocked expression is holding a frayed electrical cable. He has a wide-eyed, open-mouthed look on his face. The background is a dark, textured wall. A white rectangular box with blue text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**DON'T BE
SHOCKED...**

**LIFE IS
FULL OF ...**

Some
people have
a great job



Some don't



HOUSTON
Methodist
WILLOWBROOK HOSPITAL

Women's & Children's Pavilion
Willowbrook Building

STOP

→ EMERGENCY

→ North Pavilion

Valet

Luke 1:24-25 After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Luke 1:24-25 Μετὰ δὲ ταύτας τὰς ἡμέρας συνέλαβεν Ἐλισάβετ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ καὶ περιέκρυβεν ἑαυτὴν μῆνας πέντε λέγουσα ὅτι οὕτως μοι πεποίηκεν κύριος ἐν ἡμέραις αἷς ἐπέϊδεν ἀφελεῖν ὄνειδός μου ἐν ἀνθρώποις.



Give God the time...

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)

Give God the time...

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning (Ps. 30:5)

You have turned for me my mourning into
dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness (Ps. 30:11)

A man with curly brown hair and a shocked expression is holding a frayed electrical cable. He has a wide-eyed, open-mouthed look, and his skin appears pale and sweaty. The background is a dark, textured wall. The text "DON'T BE SHOCKED..." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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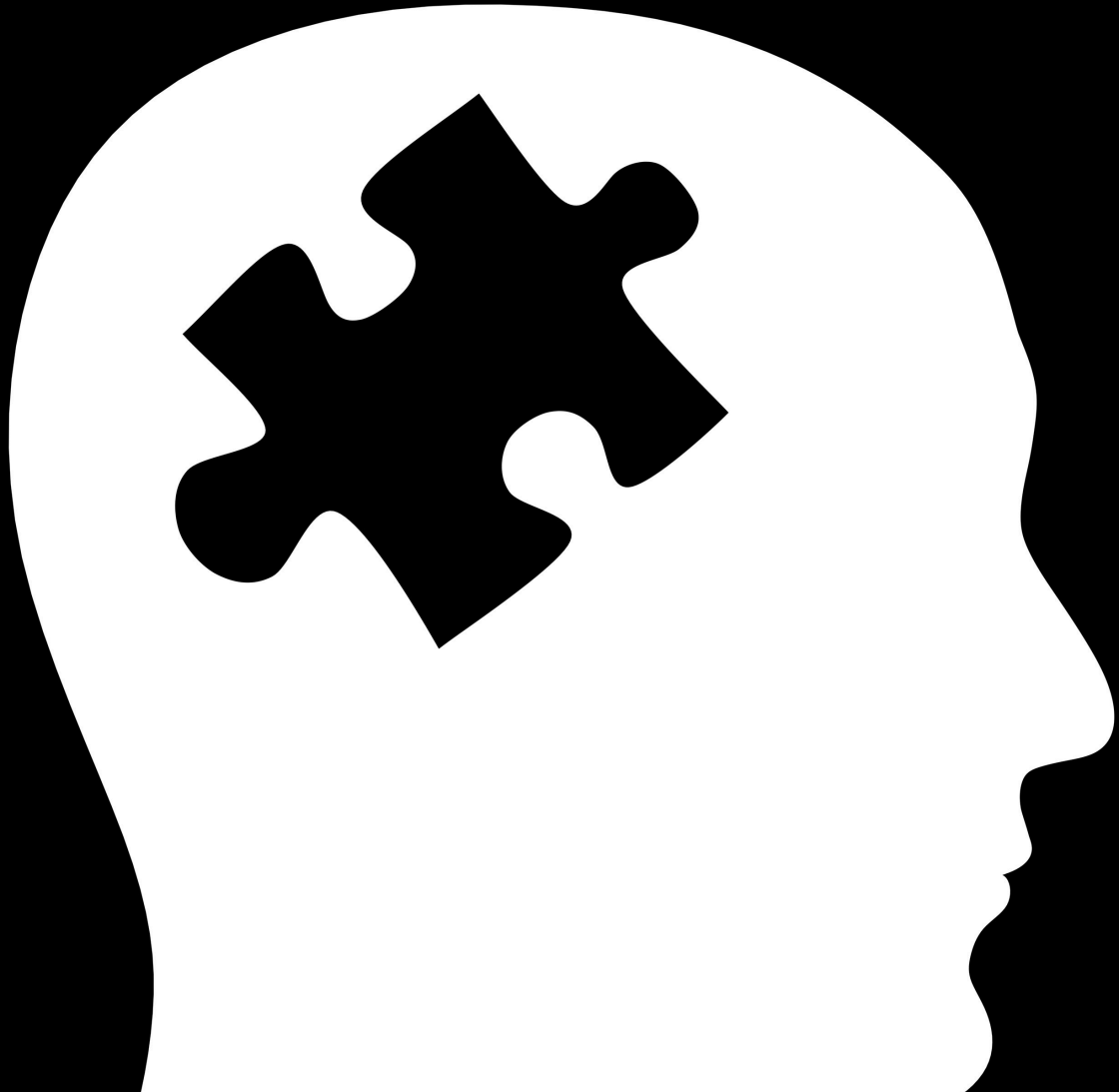


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Catch the contrast!



Luke 1:26-27 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:26-27 Εν δὲ τῷ μηνὶ τῷ ἕκτῳ ἀπεστάλη ὁ ἄγγελος Γαβριὴλ ἀπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ εἰς πόλιν τῆς Γαλιλαίας ἣ ὄνομα Ναζαρέθ πρὸς παρθένον ἐμνηστευμένην ἀνδρὶ ᾧ ὄνομα Ἰωσήφ ἐξ οἴκου Δαβὶδ καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τῆς παρθένου Μαριάμ.

A person in a blue uniform is loading cardboard boxes into the back of a white van. The van's rear door is open, and a ramp is extended. The person is standing on the ground, reaching into the van to place a box. The background shows a modern building with large windows.

Luke loads up his account with contrasts

- Zach/Eliz.

- Gender

- Reaction

- Age

- Eliz./Mary

- Marriage

- Location

- Status

A close-up, split-face portrait of a man. The left side of his face is fair-skinned with light blue eyes and a light beard, set against a light blue background. The right side is dark-skinned with darker blue eyes and a darker beard, set against a dark background. A white rectangular box with dark blue text is centered across the middle of the face.

Find yourself in the stories!

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You are loved



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diatarasso - διαταράσσω:
confused/perplexed

Contrast *diatasso* - διατάσσω: Put in
proper order/make arrangements

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A formula like Zeph. 3:14–15; Zech. 9:9; Joel 2:21:
Rejoice! + address + reference to divine action/attitude

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his
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A close-up photograph of a dandelion plant with several bright yellow flowers and green leaves. The plant is growing out of a large, jagged crack in a grey asphalt surface. The background is a blurred expanse of the same asphalt. The text "God does incredible things!" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

God does incredible things!

Luke 1:30 And the angel
said to her, "Do not be
afraid, Mary...

Luke 1:30 Καὶ εἶπεν ὁ
ἄγγελος αὐτῇ· μὴ φοβοῦ...

Catch the crescendo!

And the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary...

And behold, you will conceive in your womb
and bear a son

and you shall call his name Jesus.

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,

and he will reign over the house of Jacob
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Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory... (Eph. 3:20-21)

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God isn't predictable, but that's okay!



Luke 1:34-37 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

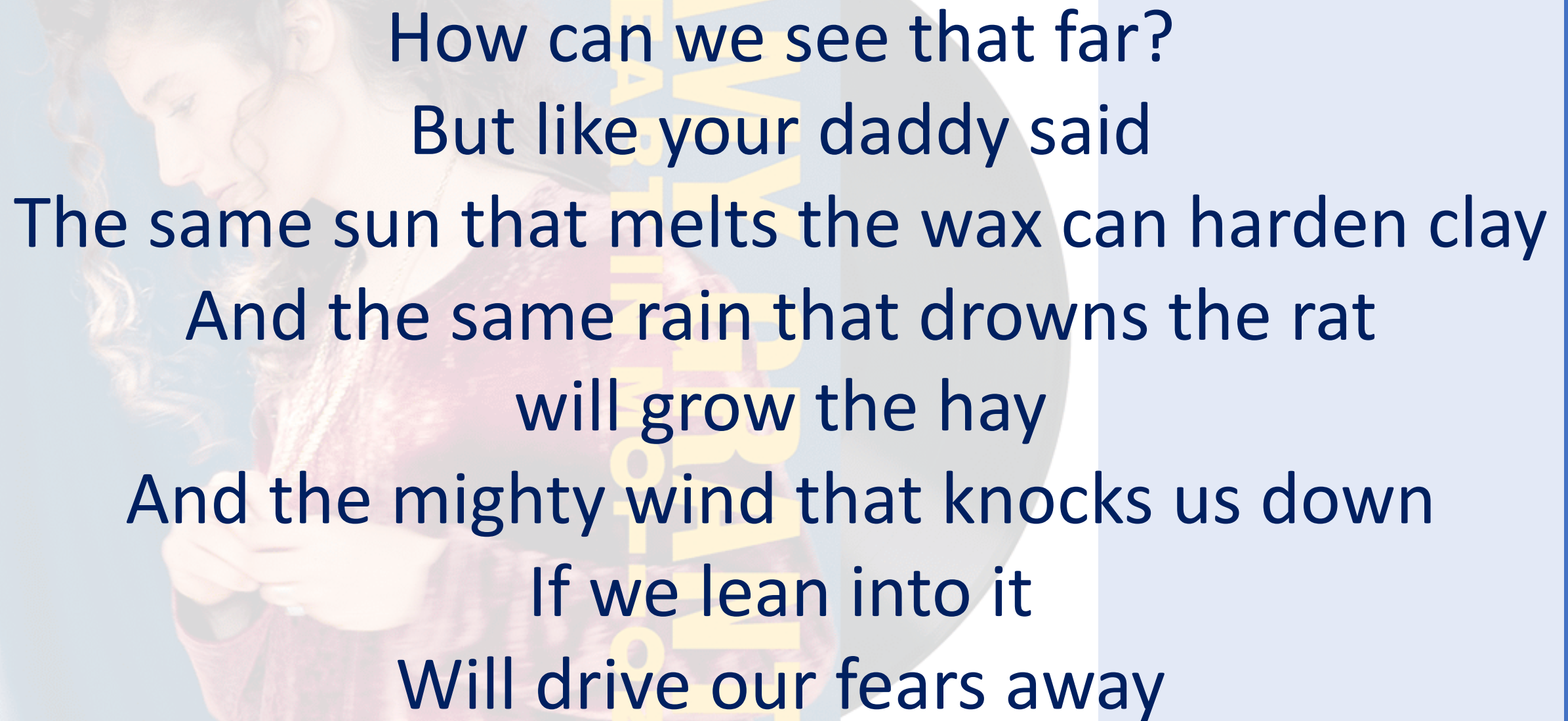
Luke 1:34-37 εἶπεν δὲ
Μαριὰμ πρὸς τὸν ἄγγελον·
πῶς ἔσται τοῦτο, ἐπεὶ ἄνδρα
οὐ γινώσκω; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς
ὁ ἄγγελος εἶπεν αὐτῇ·
πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐπελεύσεται ἐπὶ
σὲ καὶ δύναμις ὑψίστου
ἐπισκιάσει σοι· διὸ καὶ τὸ
γεννώμενον ἅγιον
κληθήσεται υἱὸς θεοῦ.

And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

καὶ ἰδοὺ Ἐλισάβετ ἡ συγγενὴς
σου καὶ αὐτὴ συνέειληφεν
υἱὸν ἐν γήρει αὐτῆς καὶ οὗτος
μὲν ἕκτος ἐστὶν αὐτῇ τῇ
καλουμένῃ στείρα· ὅτι οὐκ
ἀδυνατήσει παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ
πᾶν ῥῆμα

Can I be personal?





How can we see that far?
But like your daddy said
The same sun that melts the wax can harden clay
And the same rain that drowns the rat
will grow the hay
And the mighty wind that knocks us down
If we lean into it
Will drive our fears away

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Give God the time
You are loved
And he is at work

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Time for church!



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