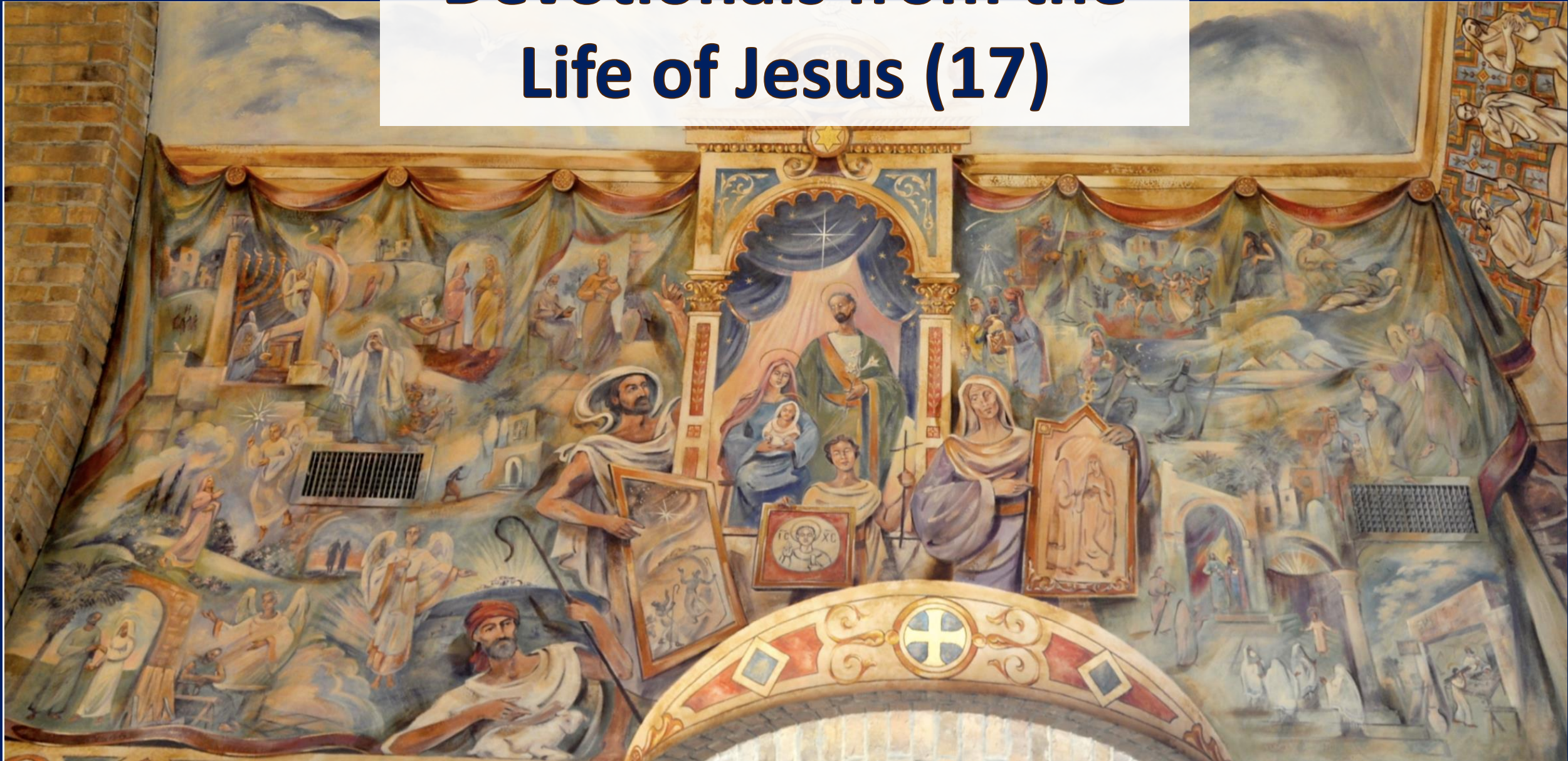


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# Blessed Advent Season





2018

# Roman Calendar

## 01 • JANUARY

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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## 02 • FEBRUARY

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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## 03 • MARCH

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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## 04 • APRIL

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## 05 • MAY

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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## 06 • JUNE

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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## 07 • JULY

Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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## 08 • AUGUST

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Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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Roman  
Calendar

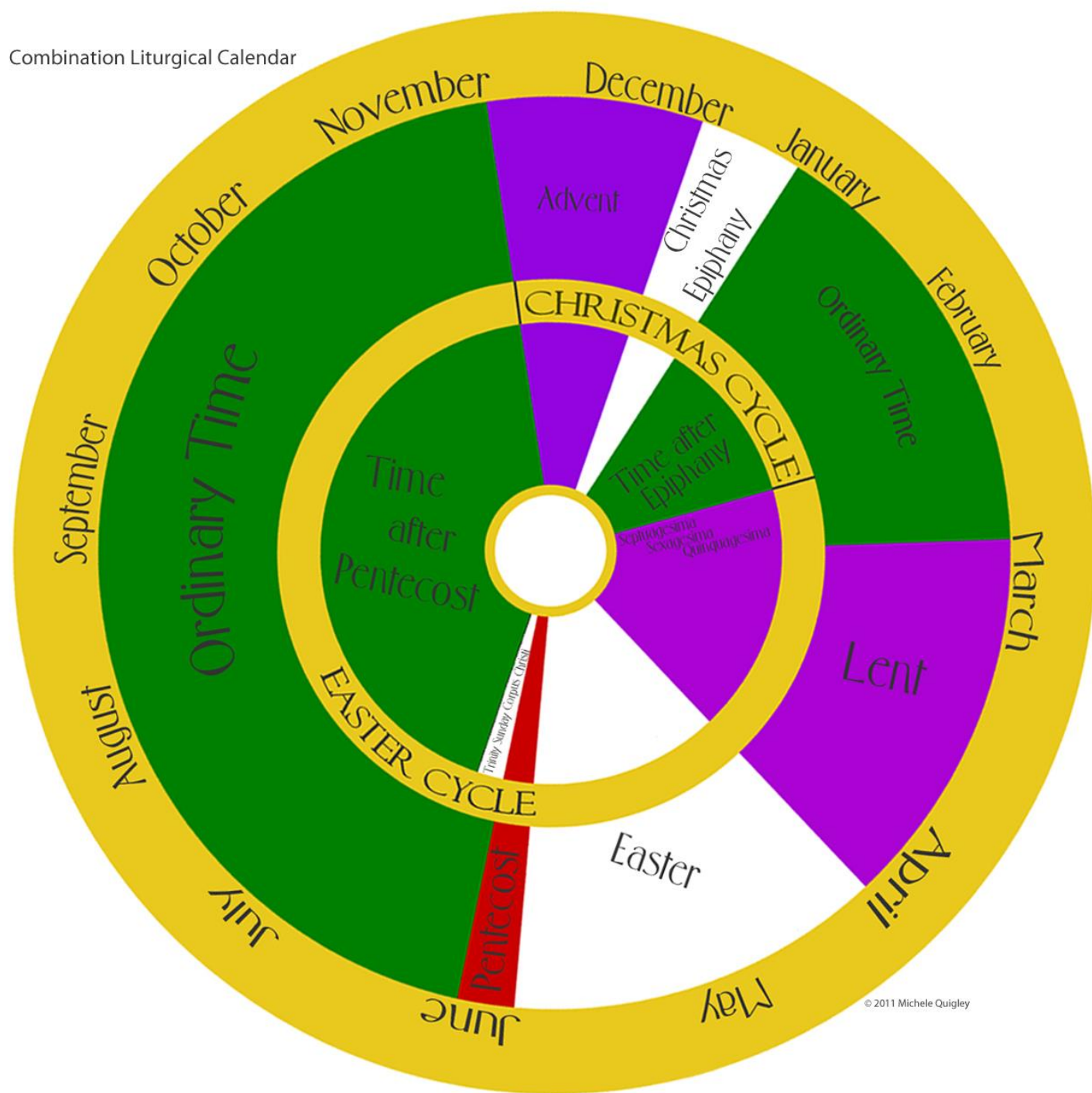
Jewish  
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# Church Calendar

## Four Sundays of Advent



**Advent**





# Advent

The four  
Sundays before  
Christmas





# Advent

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Sundays before  
Christmas



# **Advent**

The four  
Sundays before  
Christmas



# ***Adventus***





# **Advent**

The four  
Sundays before  
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# ***Adventus***

Arrival  
Approach



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παρουσία



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Christmas



## ***Adventus***

Arrival  
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## **παρουσία**

Coming  
Presence





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Arrival  
Approach

# παρουσία

Coming  
Presence

**Advent looks forward to the arrival of Jesus in three ways:**

**(1) In the flesh  
at Bethlehem**



# Advent

The four  
Sundays before  
Christmas

# *Adventus*

Arrival  
Approach

# παρουσία

Coming  
Presence

**Advent looks forward to the arrival of Jesus in three ways:**

**(2) In our heart  
each day**



# Advent

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Sundays before  
Christmas

# *Adventus*

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Approach

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Coming  
Presence

**Advent looks forward to the arrival of Jesus in three ways:**

**(3) In glory  
at the end of time**





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# Advent Wreath







# Advent Wreath

**1<sup>st</sup> Candle:**  
**Prophecies**





WHY  
ARE  
WE  
HERE?





**Isn't life more  
than running on a  
wheel that *really*  
goes nowhere?**

**We have a  
purpose in life in  
the hands of the  
Almighty God**





## **Jn. 1:6-7**

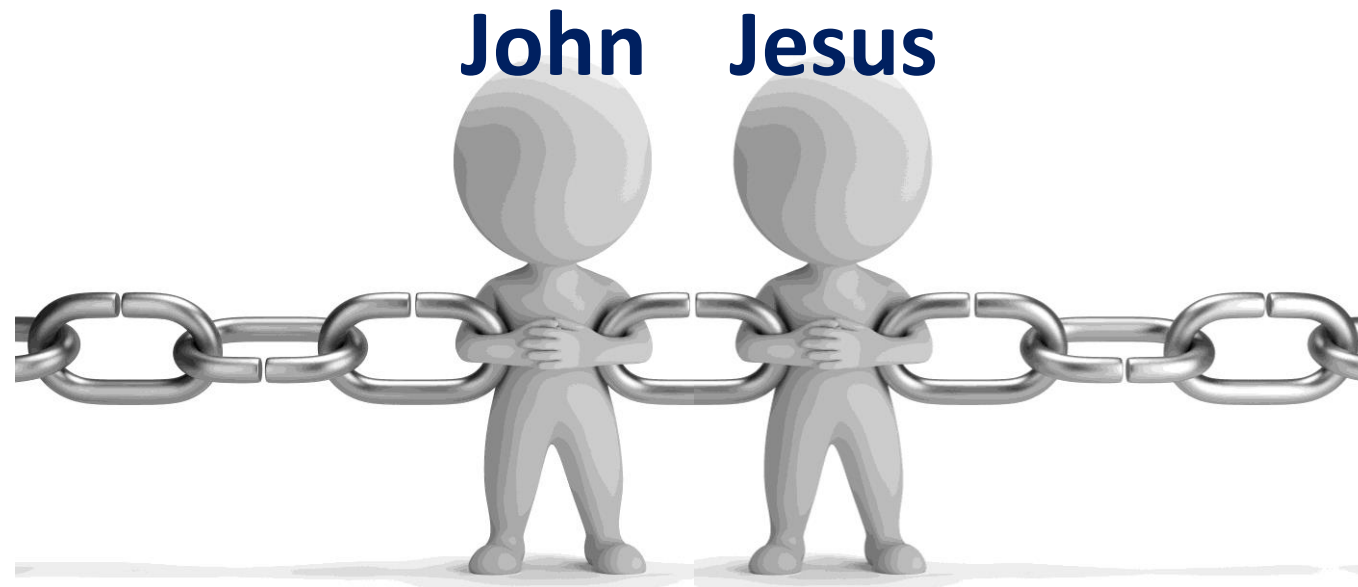
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**John**



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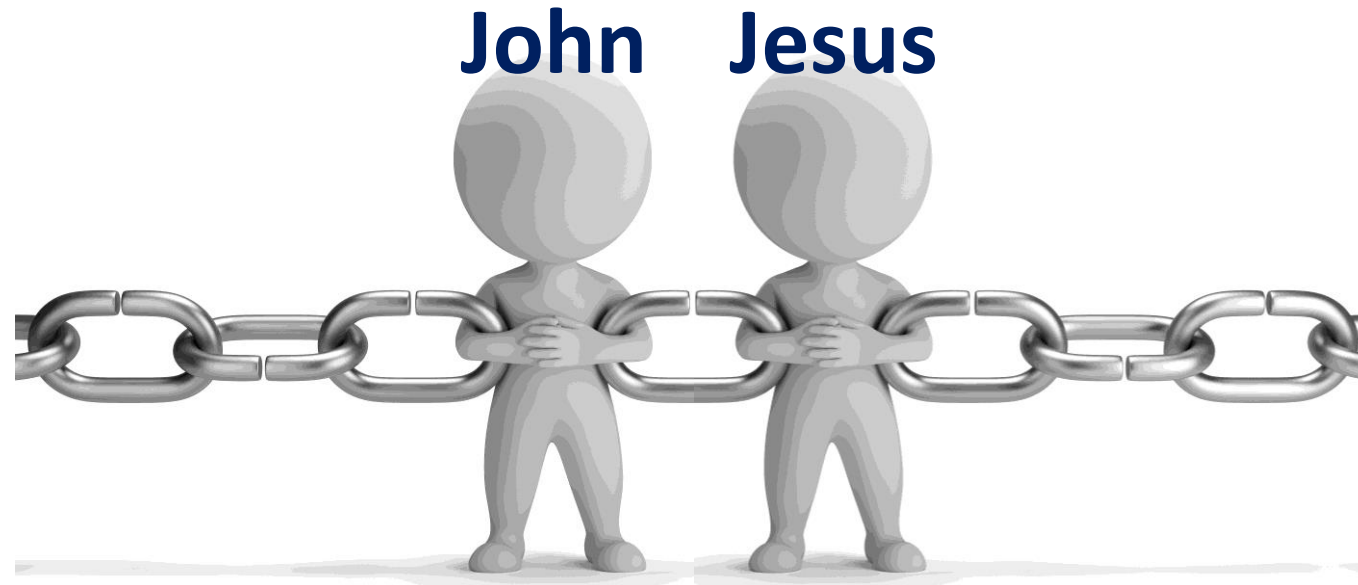
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**You  
and  
me**



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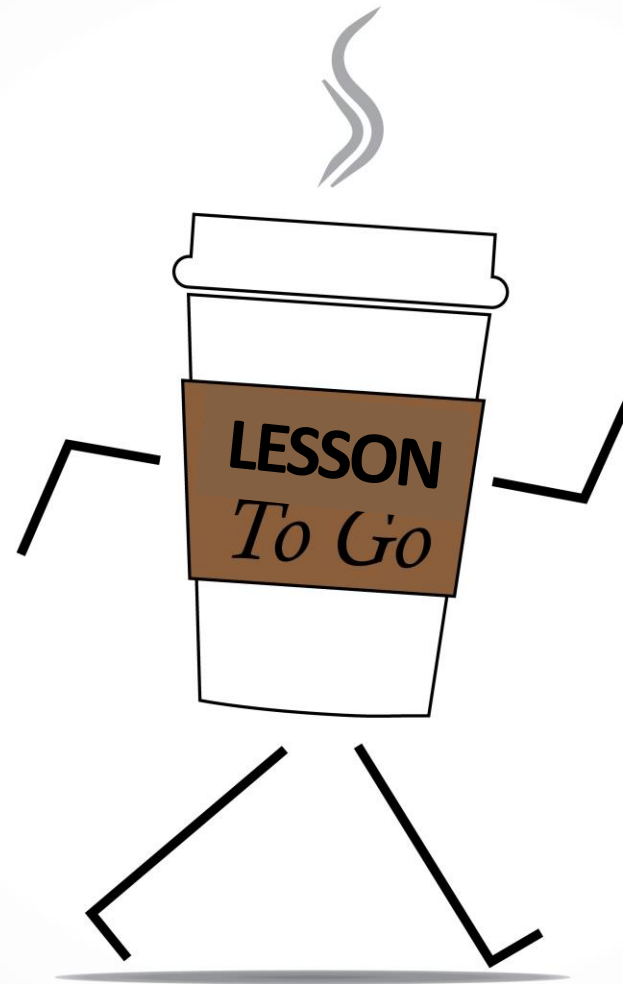
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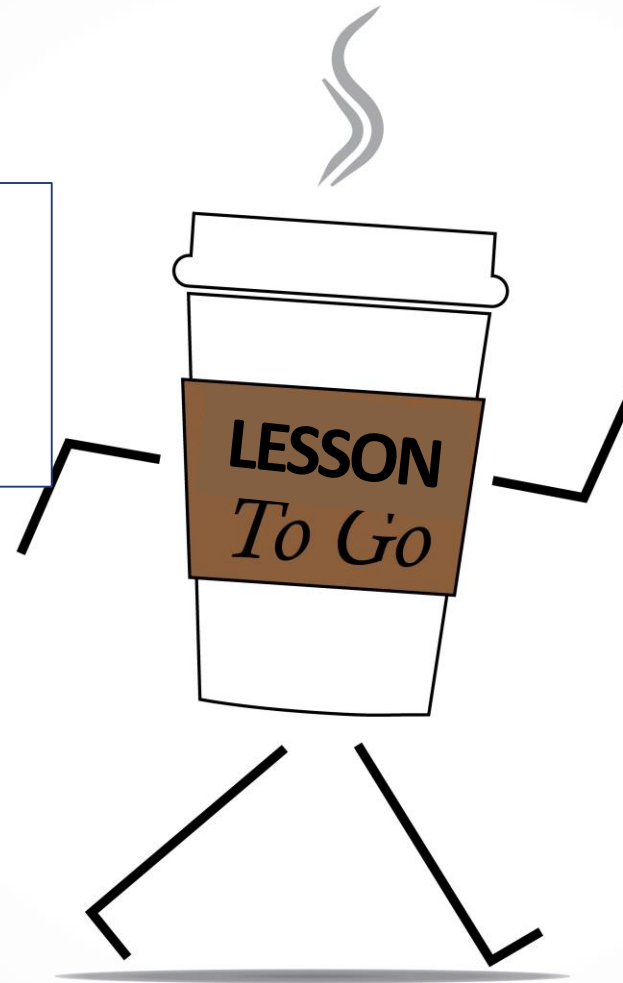
You can't measure what God will do with you



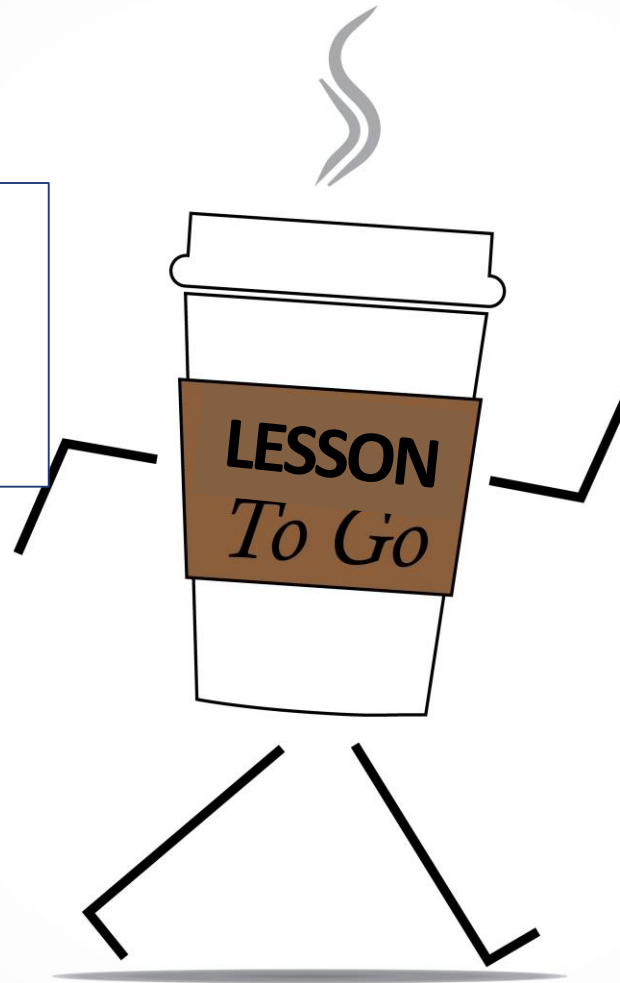




Look to Jesus in  
my life **daily**



**Look to Jesus in  
my life **daily****



**Show Jesus to  
others **daily****





**The  
frustrations of  
a life lived well**

## Lk. 1:5-7

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years

A photograph of two men in dark suits standing with their backs to the camera, looking out a large window at a city skyline. The man on the left is Black, and the man on the right is white. They are both standing with their hands on their hips. The window is large and multi-paned, showing a view of a city with many buildings. The lighting is bright, suggesting daytime. A semi-transparent blue box with white text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**We can look at the world  
with or without God**



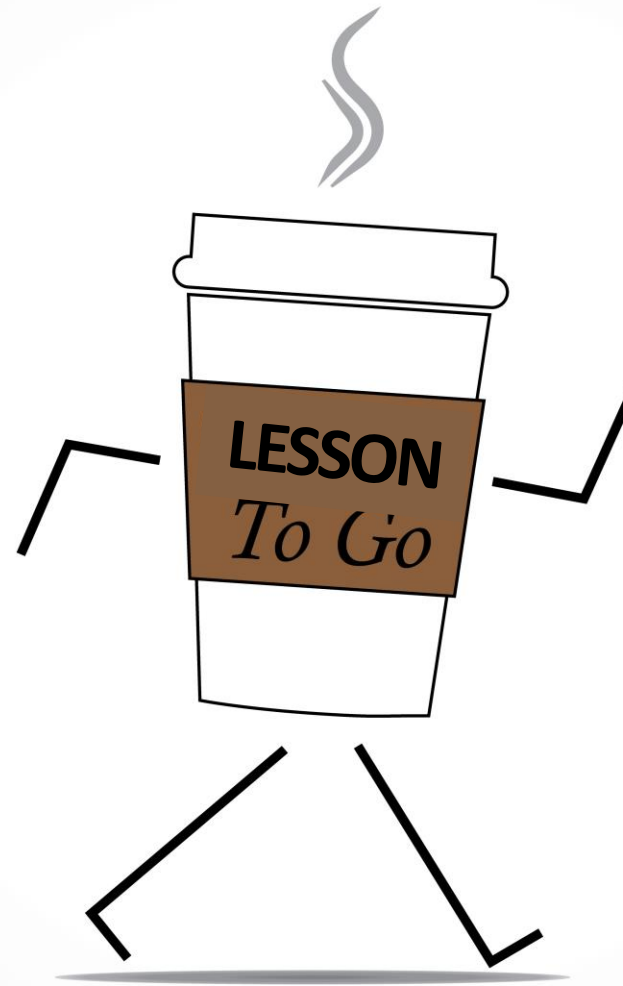
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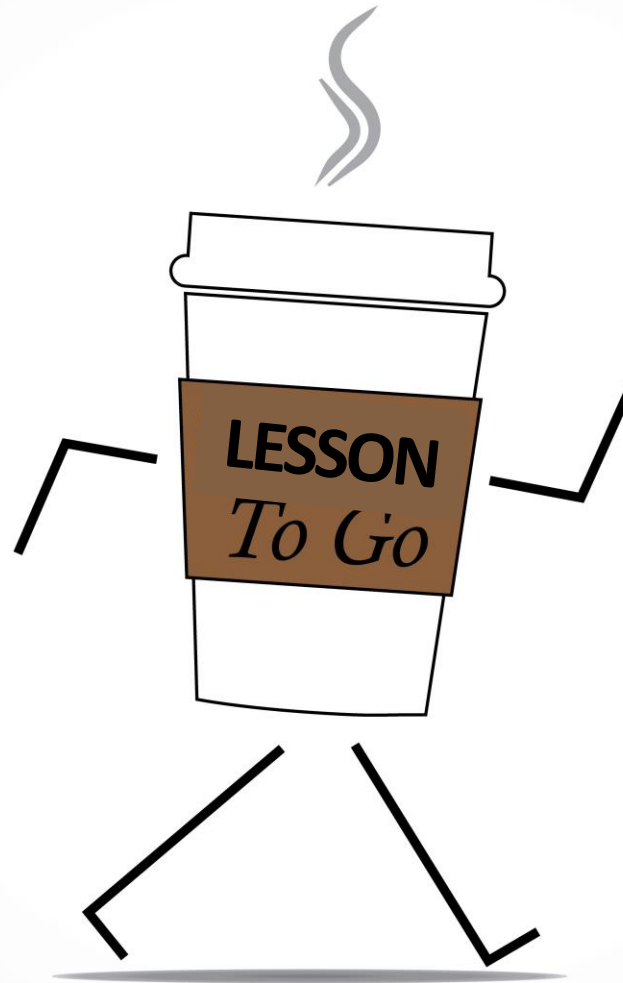


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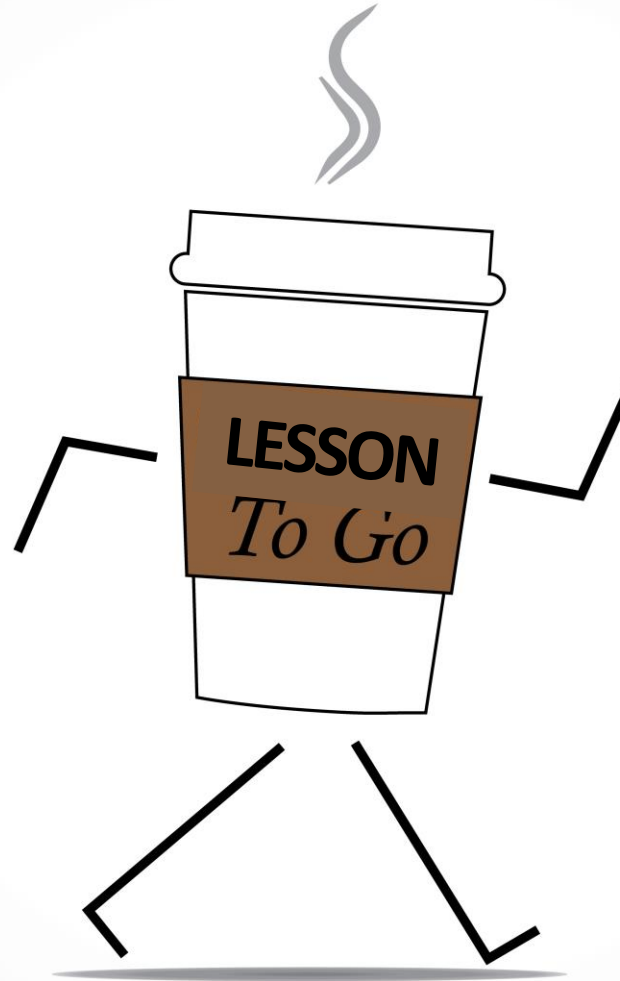
**Wait for the  
yet...**



**Seek first his  
kingdom and his  
righteousness**



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**Trust God  
for the yet**

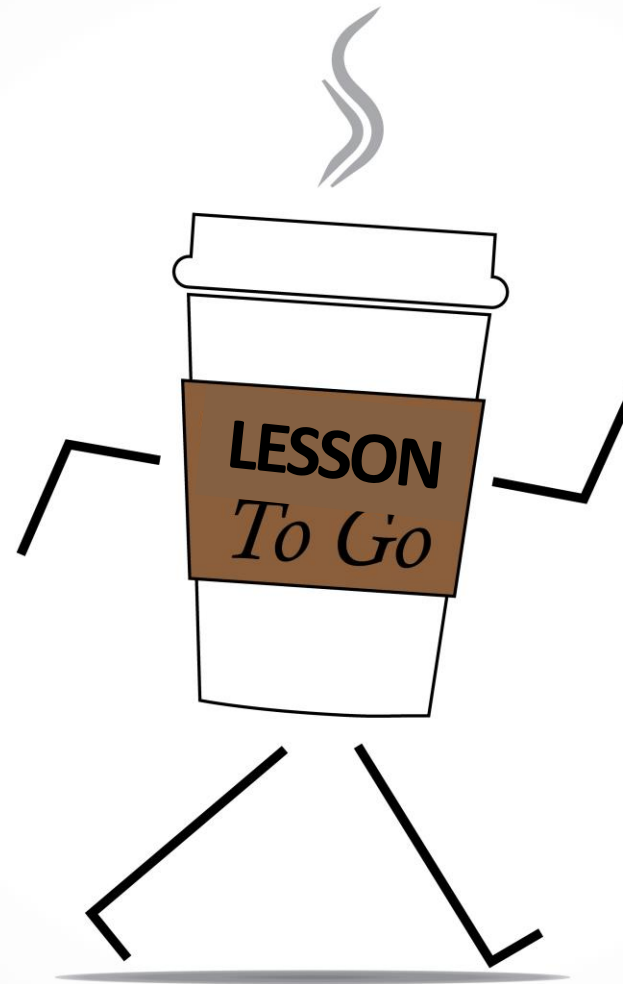


**AMAZING things happen when you serve the  
Lord... Especially when people are praying**



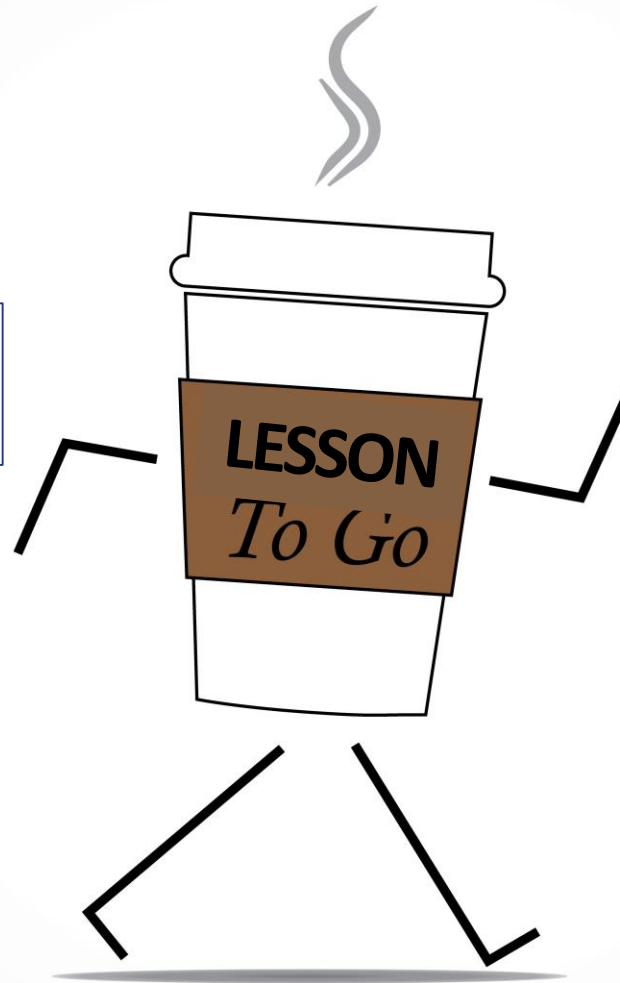
## Lk. 1:8-11

Now while he [Zechariah] was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

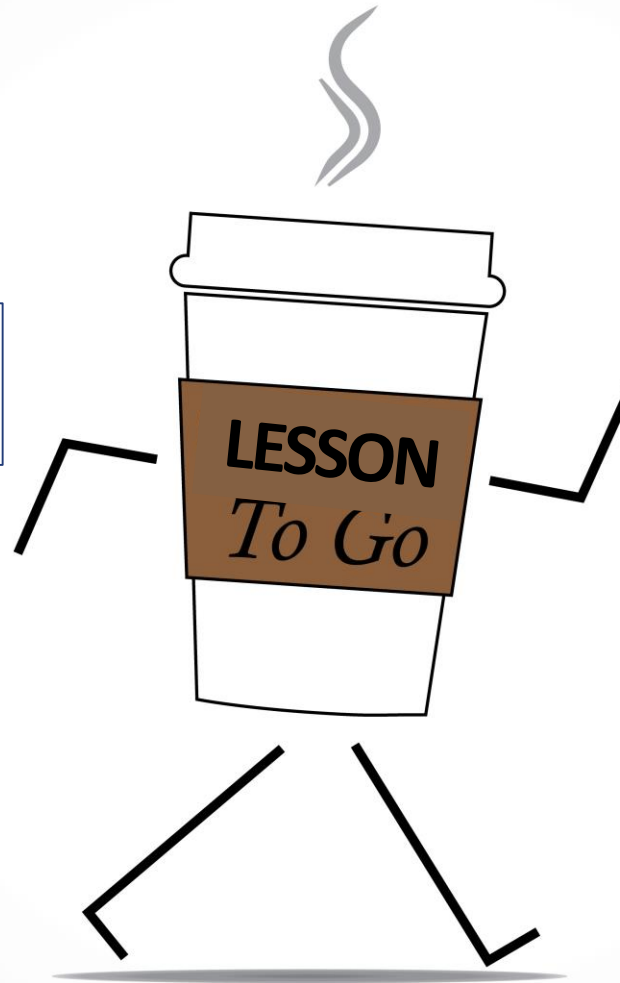




**Serve the Lord**



**Serve the Lord**



**And PRAY!!!**

**Don't fear!**  
**God will take action!!!**





## Lk. 1:12-13

And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.”

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aka: God remembers  
and takes action



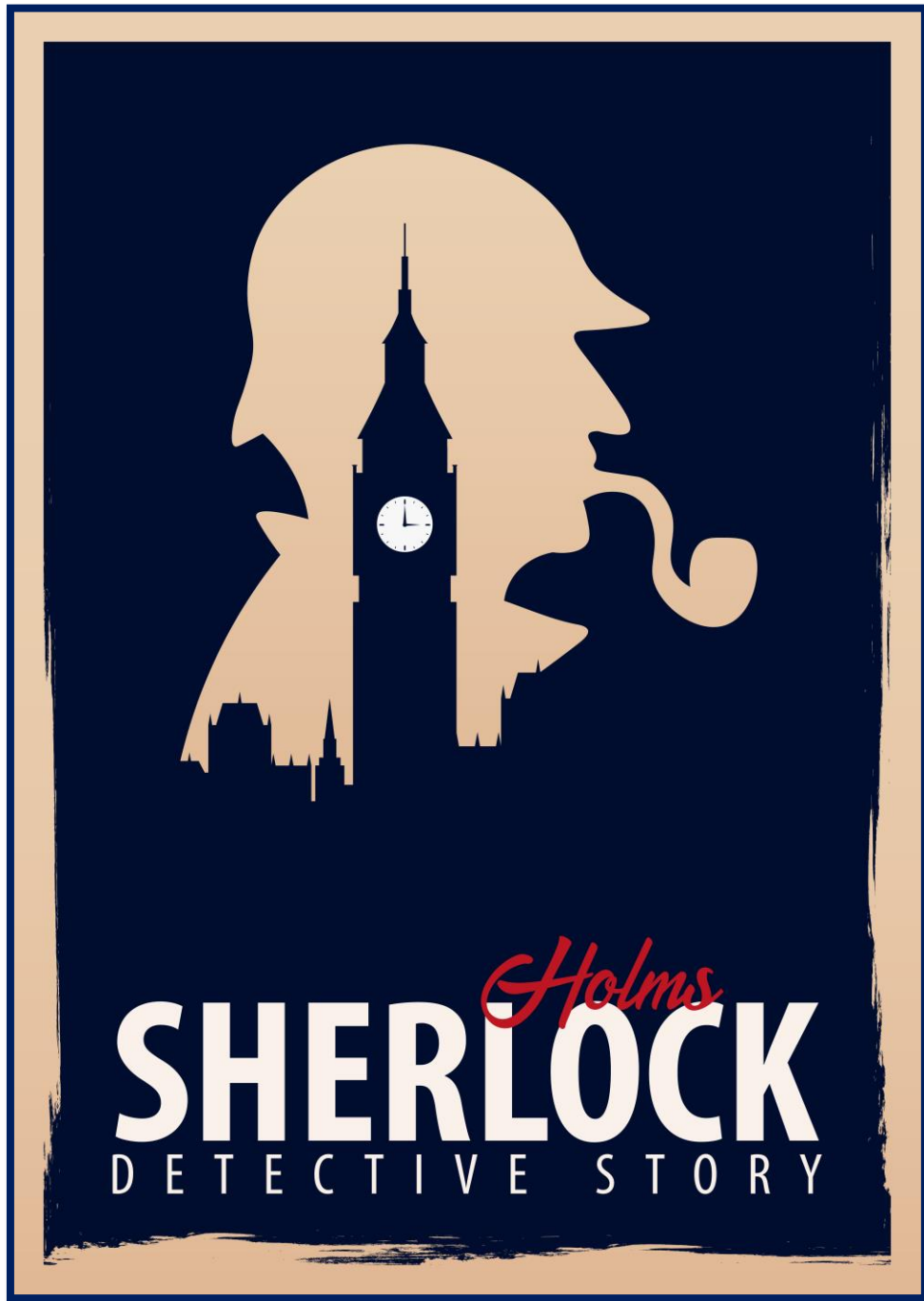


**Fear is often followed  
by disbelief**



## Lk. 1:18-20

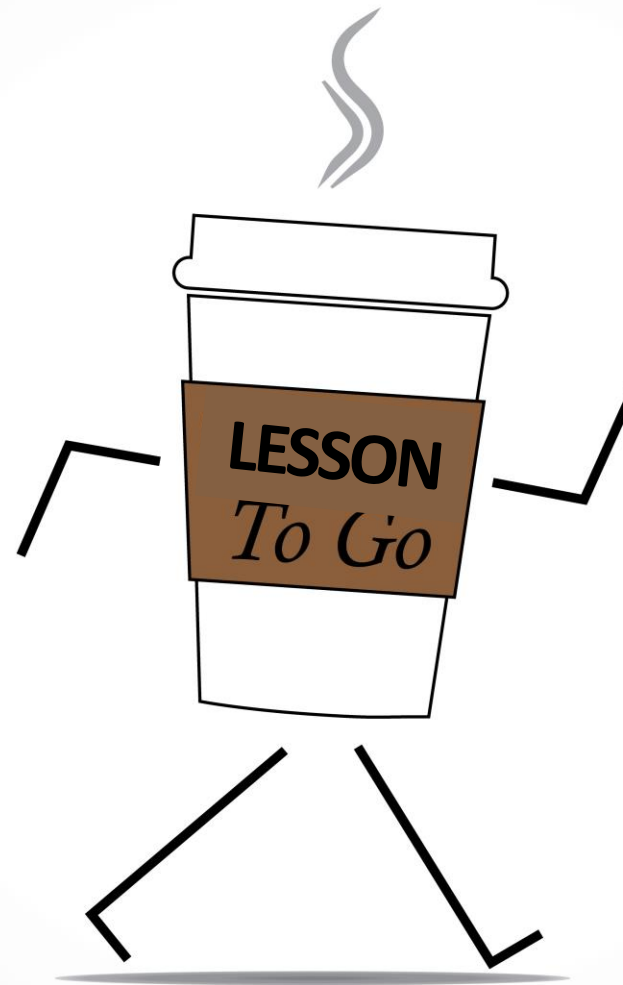
And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”



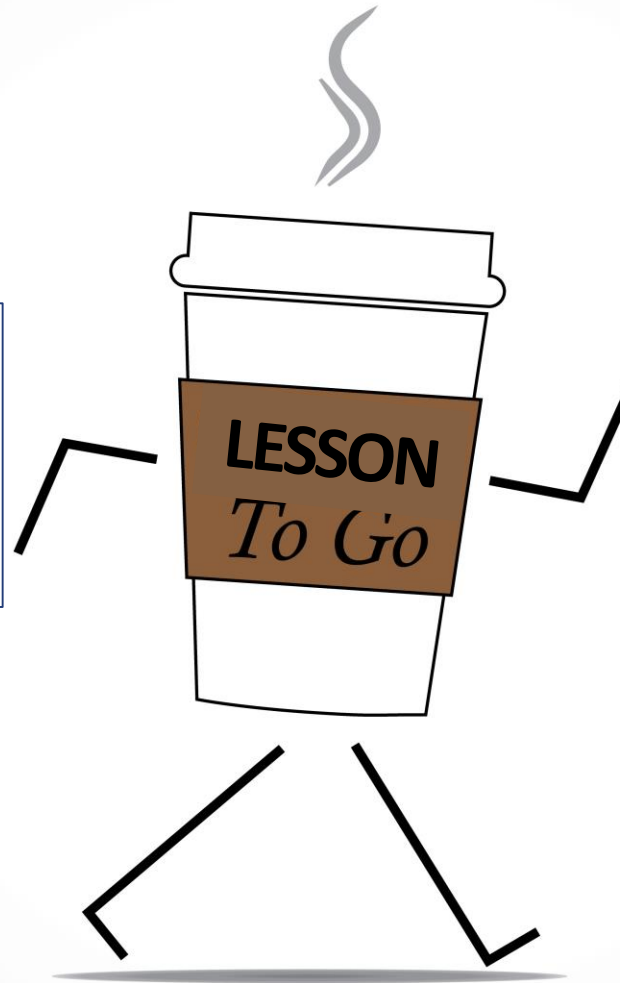
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..... *REALLY*, Zechariah???

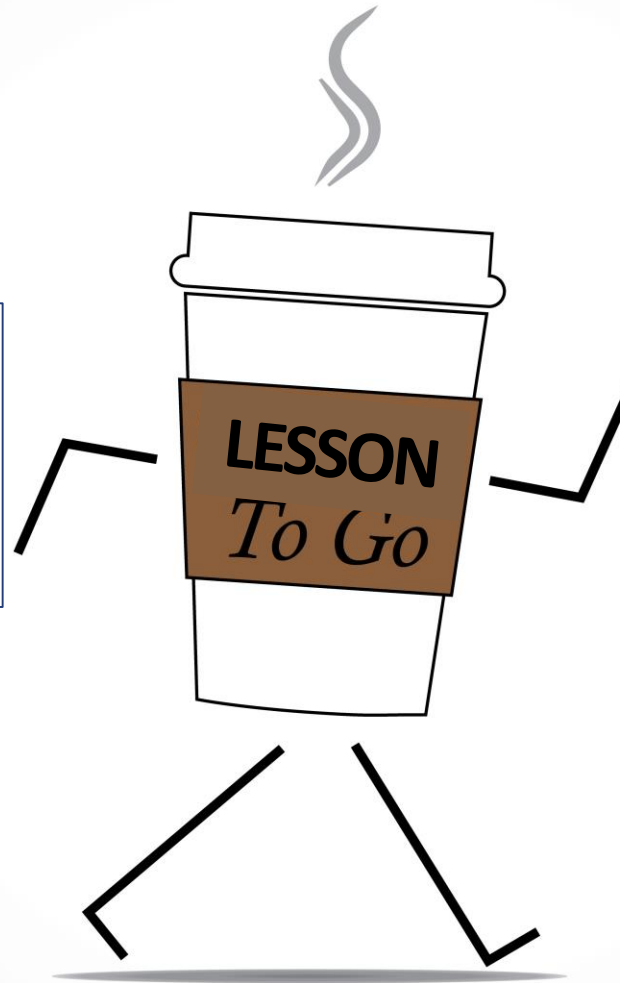




**Walk in faith  
not fear**



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**Trust God's  
methods**



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