

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO

the Holy Days

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -- EXPECTATION

We begin our considerations of Advent with expectation. Christ entered the world as Israel's long-awaited Messiah and as the long-dreamed-of Redeemer of humanity. After the visit of the angel, Mary, “the maidservant of the Lord” (Luke 1:38), found herself expecting a Son who she was to name Jesus (lit., “Yahweh saves”), for He would be the world's Savior.

God has always shown Himself to be more than capable to meet the needs of man. Physical needs, spiritual needs, relational needs, financial needs— He's able to meet them all.

Someone once said quite simply, “Faith is expecting God.” This Advent season, what are you expecting?

As we await Christ's return, we do so expectantly. As we live our lives till then, however, we should expect to find Him in the middle of them. If we don't, we should pray that He would walk into our days and help us to have eyes to see Him.

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Mark 13:24-37

1 Corinthians 1:3-9