

Advent 2022

A Scary Question

December 18, 2022

Either way, it's scary. Asking it is scary, but so is not asking it.

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Romans 1v1-7

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit[b] of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Was following Jesus something else Paul did, or was it who he was?

What's something you signed up for but had no idea how hard it would be?

What's something you signed-up for, had no idea how hard it would be, but you wouldn't undo it if you could?

What if this is how following Jesus tends to go?

Mary
(Luke 1v26-38)

Joseph
(Matthew 1v20b-21)

What if God really is committed to new creation?

Why does God tend to call people further and further?

And what if God really is committed to working in and through "image bearers"?
(Genesis 1v26-28)

Two Sons

What's the next right thing God is calling you to?

Sunday, December 18, 2022: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
Monday, December 19, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20
Tuesday, December 20, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1
Wednesday, December 21, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17
Thursday, December 22, 2022: Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20
Friday, December 23, 2022: Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14
Saturday, December 24, 2022: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Sunday, December 25, 2022: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
Sunday, December 25, 2022: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

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Another option is to incorporate the readings into your Google Calendar or iCal. To to so, visit webcal://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/feeds/lectionary-daily.ics and follow the provided instructions.

Songs: Good Thing Going, Come All Ye Faithful, God is With Us, Lo How a Rose, Rise Up Shepherd, O Holy Night
Looking to Connect?: One of the staff would love to meet for a walk, on the phone, or for a beverage. To schedule a time please visit our website and click on the "Meet with Staff" button on the home page.