

‘The Follow Jesus Project’

Monday, Dec. 21

Scriptures to read:

Malachi 4:1-5 (Pay special attention to verse 5-6)

Mark 1:1-8

Matthew 11:11-15

Thoughts to consider:

There are 400 years of silence between the last book of the Old Testament and the first book of the New Testament. It is interesting that the Old Testament ends with a glorious prediction and a reminder that Elijah was to come first. How did Jesus interpret that verse? What does this say to you about the coherence of Scripture?

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Scriptures to read:

Hebrews 1:1-4

John 1:14-18

Thoughts to consider:

God broke 400 years of silence in a huge way. What is so different about the various ways God has chosen to communicate to us throughout the centuries? Of all the ways God communicates to you (through scripture and creation and the Holy Spirit within you) which do you appreciate and treasure the most?

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Scriptures to read:

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 1:1-80

Thoughts to consider:

Who was actually the first to hear from God in the whole situation surrounding Christ's birth? Who else heard from heaven? What kind of people did God choose to communicate with and are you that kind of person? How can you be more like them?

Thursday, Dec. 24

Scriptures to read:

Luke 2:8-20

Psalm 23

Matthew 2:6

John 10:1-18

Thoughts to consider:

The shepherds were among the first to realize that God had broken silence. Name some ways in which that fact is significant. I'm sure the shepherds did not realize that they were meeting the Great Shepherd. What realities do you think you miss as your worship God?

Friday, Dec. 25

Scriptures to read:

Psalm 28:1

Psalm 35:22

Psalm 39:12

Psalm 83:1

Psalm 109:1

Thoughts to consider:

How do we sometimes wrongly interpret the silence of God? Why does the silence of God bother us so much? Have there been times in your life when you thought God was silent? What was the result of those occasions? What situation in your life do you wish God would speak to you about right now? On this Christmas Day what do you need to hear from God?

Saturday, Dec. 26

Scriptures to read:

1 Corinthians 13:13

Romans 5:1-5

Thoughts to consider:

There is a difference between the hope described in the scripture and the hope embraced by the world. How does our definition of hope differ with that of the world? What do you think of spiritually when you use the word hope?

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