



Advent - Hope

Advent means arrival or coming

- we can celebrate three different comings of Jesus
- When he came to earth as a human baby
- His coming into our life
- His future second coming to establish his eternal kingdom

Jesus coming is a now and not yet thing

Our hope is a now and not yet thing

- Having a taste of the turkey before the dinner

-Hope and the Prophets

- The Prophet spoke and wrote at a time in the history of Israel when things were going pretty rough and the people needed some hope

Hosea 2:1-13

- Israel had been unfaithful and God was going to bring punishment
- We see a lot of this warning and explanation of wrath and judgement in the prophets

-But we always see what comes next

Hosea 2:14-15

- In all the prophecies of judgement, there is always a glimmer of hope
- God will preserve some faithful people and restore them
- A messiah will come
- **We can have hope in that we are not forgot by God
- quote from lady in California

Isaiah 9:6-7

- Our hope is a person
- Isaiah didn't know this but from our perspective we know this person is Jesus
- Our hope is not our self
- Our hope isn't an institution

Two reasons Jesus is our hope

1) A child

- our savior came as a helpless baby
- he experienced our weaknesses and temptations
- *our hope is in a savior that can understand our struggle

2) A powerful ruler and king

- we haven't fully seen this part fulfilled yet
- *remember our hope is now and not yet
- *our hope is in a savior that can do something on our behalf

Micah 5:2-4

- this savior is going shepherd and care for people
- *our hope is not just in Jesus capability but also his willingness to care for us

Isaiah 7:14

- The whole point of Jesus Advent is wrapped up in that name
- Immanuel - God with us
- This sets the aim of our hope
- If we miss this we miss hope
- God isn't shepherding you to the perfect life, he shepherding you to the Father
- Many people don't see hope because they are looking for the blessing of healthy body and a big house in a trendy suburb rather than the blessing of learning God sufficiency in our weakness and the joy of caring for the hurting in a broken world

*the aim of our hope is that we get to know God, serve God, and one day be with Him forever.
Something much bigger than anything in this world.

Sermon