



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

Advent

Joy at the Birth of the KING

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

December 14, 2025

This week we dig deeper into the joy that comes with a newborn baby. But not just any baby... this is the King our Lamb of God.

Monday: Micah 5:2-4

Why might it have been plausible to think that nothing special could come out of Bethlehem? Why would that have been a mistake? Who was born there of great significance? How can a baby both be born, but have lived forever? Today give praise to God for sending us a forever King.

Tuesday: Luke 2:8-20

Who were the people living in the fields in and around Bethlehem? What is significant about these particular shepherds? Why did the angel choose them to be the first to hear the Good News of a Savior born? What did they do with that news? Will you search for Jesus this Christmas?

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 22:47; John 7:37-39; Mark 14:12; Hebrews 10:11-18

Many people believe that Jesus was not laid in a wooden feeding trough but in a stone one used to hold water for animals to drink from. The reason being that limestone was more plentiful than wood. If that is true, what symbolism can you imagine in the verses above of how Jesus serves us as Savior. Today, that God for the symbolism attached to lying in a manger.

Thursday: Galatians 4:4; Romans 5:6

When did Jesus come and why did He come when He did? How did the timing of His arrival make a difference in the world like it did 2000 years ago? What does it mean that we were powerless? How does the coming of Christ into the world make any difference today? How has it made a difference in your life? Today, surrender everything in your life to the Lord.

Friday: Philippians 2:6-11

Why did Christ not consider equality with God as something He needed to grasp? Remember Christ is the Alpha and Omega. He always has been God. What do you think heaven was like for Christ. Why did He leave all that behind? When He

took on human likeness, what changed for Him? What does it mean that He made Himself as nothing? Try to imagine what emptying Himself of His royal majesty and descending from heaven as a baby must have felt like. Remember that emptying Himself of all that did not mean that He was no longer God. He chose to lay aside some of the benefits of royalty for a period of time.. What was the final result of becoming a human being? Was dying the ultimate end result for Jesus? What is the condition of Jesus Christ today? Today, confess Jesus Christ Lord.

Saturday: Psalm 98

We all love the hymn Joy to the World. According to Psalm 98, why should we sing joyously? What has God done in your life that should cause you to be joyful? Have you experienced His salvation? What does that mean to make salvation known? Today, be bold. Shout for joy to the Lord.

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