

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus A Time to Remember

ADVENT: 4 Characteristics of Jesus

1st Sunday **Purple Candle** Kingship of Jesus- Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Sunday **White Candle** Purity of Jesus- I Peter 1:17-21; 2:21-24

TODAY: The Red Candle
Forgiveness and a New Relationship with God
through Jesus' death. Isaiah 53:1-6

Jesus: The Suffering Servant

1. Prophecies about Jesus as a "Suffering Servant."

Isaiah 42:1-9 Behold, **My Servant**, Will bring forth justice (42:1)
A person representing **a covenant** and light (42:6)
A light to the Nations (Genesis 12:1-3)
To open blind eyes (42:7)

Isaiah 49:5-8 Formed me from the womb to be **His Servant** (49:5)
A light of the nations (49:6)
Salvation to the ends of the earth (49:6)
A Despised and Abhorred One, **the Servant** (49:7)
A covenant of the people (49:7)

Isaiah 52:13-52:12 **My servant** greatly exalted (52:13)
Despised and forsaken (53:3)
Crushed for our iniquities (53:5)
The Righteous One, will justify the many (53:11)
He poured himself out to death
He himself **bore the sin of many** (53:12)

2. Jesus knew his purpose in life was to die for the purpose of restoring relationships with God.

✓ **Jesus knew He was the Servant.**

Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45 "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give His life a ransom for many."

✓ **Jesus knew His death would provide for our forgiveness.**

Matthew 26:27-28 "when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."

✓ **Jesus knew His death would establish relationship with God.**

Luke 22:20 "He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Christmas: A time to Remember

*"My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say,
'Father, save Me from this hour'?
But for this purpose I came to this hour."* **John 12:27**

- **Jesus asked us to remember Him for what He accomplished with His life.**

*"This is My body, which is being given for you;
do this in remembrance of Me."* **Luke 22:19**

- **Jesus asked us to love "one another" as much as He loved us; restoring relationships with God.**

"This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you." **John 15:12-13**

Christmas:

A Time to Remember What Jesus Did and We Can Do!