

Hope When It Feels Hopeless
The Arrival
December 7, 2025

- Theme: The four historical church themes of ADVENT are meant to help prepare our hearts in anticipation for celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus. They are HOPE, peace, joy and LOVE. - Proverbs 13:12a NIV
 - ✓ Hebrew - “Mashach” - deferred, to push aside
 - ✓ Example: 1960’s dog experiment with Martin Seligman - Learned hopelessness
- Three truths about God’s hope that never fails
 - 1) Hope has a NAME - Matthew 1:21
 - Jesus is “OUR HOPE” - 1 Timothy 1:1
 - Jesus is our “BLESSED Hope” - Titus 2:13
 - Jesus is our “LIVING Hope” - 1 Peter 1:3, Philippians 2:9-11 NLT
 - 2) Hope has perfect TIMING
 - Prophecies
 - ✓ Born of a WOMAN - Genesis 3:15, Fulfilled - Galatians 4:4
 - ✓ Born of a VIRGIN - Isaiah 7:14, Fulfilled - Matthew 1:22-23
 - ✓ Born in BETHLEHEM - Micah 5:2, Fulfilled - Matthew 2:1
 - Intertestamental period
 - ✓ Socratic learning vs. didactic
 - ✓ Old Testament translated to Greek
 - ✓ Alexander the Great conquered the world
 - So... for the first time in history:
 - ✓ People are encouraged to ASK questions
 - ✓ Access to Bible in a COMMON language

✓ Gospel spread through Jewish people on the Roman ROADS

3) Hope is COMING AGAIN - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- Tree of LIFE - Proverbs 13:12 NIV