



Riverbluff Church Listening Guide
November 28, 2021

Christmas 2021 part 1

ADVENT: HOW TO WAIT WITH HOPE UNTIL HE RETURNS
Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Malachi 4:5-6 (ESV)

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers...”

Isaiah 9:2 (NLT2)

2 “The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.”

ADVENT IS A DISCIPLING RHYTHM OF _____ & _____ !

**ADVENT IS FOR THOSE LIVING IN
THE LAND OF _____ BUT _____ !**

Matthew 1:18-19 (ESV)

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:20-21 (ESV)

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:22-24 (ESV)

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him...”

**TO THRIVE IN THE LAND OF “ALREADY BUT NOT YET”
WE MUST _____ TO LIVE UNTIL _____ !**

**UNTIL HE RETURNS WE...
...NEED NOT _____ !**

Matthew 1:20

“...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear...”

**UNTIL HE RETURNS WE...
...SHOULD PLAN TO _____ !**

Matthew 1:20

“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

UNTIL HE RETURNS WE...
...CAN PUT ALL _____!

Matthew 1:21

“...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

UNTIL HE RETURNS WE...
...MUST OBEY HIS _____!

Matthew 1:24

“When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him...”