

Advent - Week 4

The Wait is Almost Over

Hebrews 10:5-10 / John 1:1-13



MESSAGE NOTES

The wait is almost over - time for the final preparations to be made.

While we have the benefit of knowing when Christmas comes, it's not the same for Jesus' coming on the last day. (Mark 13:32-33)

Our preparation for Jesus' coming on the last day is based upon the work He has accomplished for us. (John 14:1-6)

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Is it easier or harder for you to wait for something, if you don't know when it will happen?

What benefit is there in not knowing the day or hour that Jesus will come on the last day?

How does it help knowing that the assurance for our eternity rests in what Jesus accomplished for us?

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ[a] came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people[c] did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.