

# Year C - First Sunday of Advent

## Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

*Your redemption is near at hand.*



Jesus said to his disciples:

"Strange things will happen to the sun, moon, and stars.  
The nations on earth will be afraid of the roaring sea and tides,  
and they won't know what to do.

People will be so frightened that they will faint  
because of what is happening to the world.

Every power in the sky will be shaken.

"Then the Son of Man will be seen,  
coming in a cloud with great power and glory.

When all of this starts happening,  
stand up straight and be brave.

You will soon be set free.

"Don't spend all of your time thinking about eating or drinking  
or worrying about life.

If you do, the final day will suddenly catch you like a trap.

That day will surprise everyone on earth.

"Watch out and keep praying that you can escape  
all that is going to happen  
and that the Son of Man will be pleased with you."



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Advent is a journey



### Message

- Advent is a journey - Where we are going is exciting but there is a lot to learn on the way.

### Introduction

- Have you noticed how we have new colours out today, instead of green, there is purple and that's because we are starting a new season in the Church. In fact it's a new year for the church. Who knows what is this new season? Advent!
- Who has ever been on a long journey before? Maybe you've been on an aeroplane, or a train or a really long road trip? Ask questions about their trips how long did it take, where did they go.
- Before you leave for the trip, what are some things you need to do to get ready? Pack your bags, fuel for the car, snacks. There is stuff you need to do to get ready.
- Advent is like that. It's a time to get ready, to go on a journey before we arrive at something special - Christmas.
- That's what today's Gospel reading is about -It's telling us to be alert- get ready - something amazing is about to come.
- For the people 2000 years ago, they didn't really know what to expect. They knew God had promised them, someone, who was going to save them, so they thought maybe it's a warrior or a great King, someone powerful. But we know who it is who God sends ... Jesus!
- This little baby, born in a stable amongst the barn animals, it's greater than all the warriors and kings that the people were expecting, and he will save us all!



### Discussion questions

- Why do you think we need to 'get ready and go on a journey for Christmas?
- What are some of the ways your family gets ready? Advent calendar?
- If you were one of those people who lived 2000 years ago and someone told you a saviour was coming, what do you think you would have expected? Would you think it was a baby?