

Sermon Notes Page
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Advent Week #1 – Our Shocking Hope
December 3, 2023
Mark 13:24-37

1. Be Prepared!
2. How do we prepare for Christmas?
3. Advent
 - a. Advent is a swift kick to get us ready.
 - b. Isaiah 64:1a:
 - i. “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!”
 - ii. The plea – remind us again!
 - iii. They were in exile and had forgotten about God.
 - iv. His plea – remind us again how powerful you are!
 - c. Advent is a reminder:
 - i. To pay attention to what is, and what might be.
 - ii. It’s not about nostalgia.
 - iii. It’s about preparation.
4. Mark 13
 - a. Seems like it’s about the end of the world.
 - b. It’s really a promise.
 - c. The promise of Life.
 - d. A call to Watch!
 - i. Be ready *to welcome the presence of Jesus.*
 - ii. Be ready *to be a servant of God.*
 - iii. Be ready *to live as we’re supposed to live.*
 - iv. Be ready *to act in the interests of the kingdom.*
 - v. Be ready *to be faithful.*
5. Ephesians 5:14-16
 - a. Wake up!
 - b. Redeem the day.