

Sermon Notes Page  
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Advent Week #4 – Love That Transforms  
December 24, 2023  
Luke 1:26-38

1. Week 1 – Our Shocking Hope – Mark 13:24-37
  - a. Advent = Be Prepared!
  - b. A call to Watch! And be ready.
  - c. Ephesians 5:14-16 - Wake up! And redeem the day.
2. Week 2 – The Great Story of Christmas!
3. Week 3 – Our Fierce Joy – John 1:6-8, 19-28
  - a. John 1:29 – The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
  - b. Isaiah 61:1-3 - Good News - God is giving you decorations, oil, and a cute outfit!
  - c. Fierce Joy is shouting into the darkness.
4. Week 4 – Love That Transforms
  - a. Sometimes we just want to get away!
  - b. Luke 1:38 – We admire Mary’s story: “I am the Lord’s servant.”
    - i. Luke 1:29: Mary was “greatly troubled.”
    - ii. Luke 1:30: Gabriel – Do Not Be Afraid!
  - c. Mary wanted to get away.
    - i. Luke 1:38b-39 – She got ready quickly...
  - d. The Love that Transforms
    - i. Mary’s yes was for *now* Mary and *later* Mary.
      1. Luke 2:19 – Mary *treasured up* all these things...
      2. John 19:25 – Mary knelt at the foot of her son’s cross.
      3. Gabriel couldn’t have possibly explained what it was going to be like.
    - ii. Are we ready?
      1. To say yes even when we’re afraid?
      2. To say yes even when we don’t know what’s next?
      3. To say yes even if we can’t understand?
  - e. The Magnificat – Luke 1:46-56
    - i. Before she leaves to go home, Mary is transformed.
    - ii. She sings of the glory of God.