

First Advent Evening Prayer

Sermon Road Map

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John 4:25-26,28-30

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Come see the Messiah Prophet who came to explain everything to us.

- ❖ Everyone has questions. Everyone is searching - looking - thirsting
 - Even those who seem to have it all together - a settled into worldly view
 - They're running **to find** purpose - pleasure seeking **for meaning**
 - Filling their emptiness with stuff, people, activities, thrills, *enrichment*
 - Don't be fooled. They have questions, doubts, longings too.
 - Why do you think there's so much interest in New Age Spirituality, Mediums, shamans, other *Old Ways*, and diviners?
 - This generation is ripe for the Messiah Prophet to come - to explain.
- ❖ God knows the need sin created (blinds) - the need for answers, for truth
 - He warned Israel against searching for it in sorcery and divination. Dt. 18:14
 - He promised to provide the Prophet, like Moses only greater. Dt. 18:18
- ❖ Jesus is the Messiah Prophet of God
 - Messiah - God's Anointed - God's appointed to serve as **the** Prophet
 - Jesus is the ultimate Prophet - revealer of God
 - ♦ Prophet: God's mouthpiece - conveying from God. Also true of Jesus.
 - *I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.* Dt. 18:18
 - *My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me.* Jn. 7:16
 - *I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.* Jn. 8:28
 - ♦ Jesus provided the fullest teaching from God - passed on by the Apostle
 - Revealing in his person, action, character - see Jesus, see God Jn. 1
 - *No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.* Jn. 1:18
 - He comes to reveal God, who we are, our problems & purpose, life itself
 - ♦ *make disciples... teaching them **everything** I commanded you.* Mt. 28:19-20

- ❖ **Come see the Messiah Prophet** who came to explain everything to us.
 - Jesus invites his people - you and me - to live listening to the Prophet
 - ♦ *If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.* Jn 4:10
 - ♦ *Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.* Acts 3:23 Not a threat. Reality. Don't listen - you cut yourself off.
 - ♦ **Listening to Jesus is our lifeline to life** - our umbilical cord
 - Jesus daily invites: Come get your thirst quenched - satisfying bread of life
 - ♦ *Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.* Is. 55:2
 - ♦ Listen to Jesus explore life's real and important questions.
 - Who is God? What am I? Who am I? Why am I here?
 - What's the meaning and purpose for this life?
 - What happens when I die? How can I be safe and with God forever?
 - Why do we struggle singing: *I can't get no satisfaction?*
 - ♦ Daily listening to Jesus, explore these - for richer, fuller layers in Jesus
 - Only then will it be natural, genuine, and with excitement to say:
- ❖ **Come see the Messiah Prophet** who came to explain everything to us.
 - Don't argue religion. Give witness to Jesus. Invite them to see him.
 - Listening to people - you'll see their thirst, hunger, questions, doubts
 - *I sense - I've experienced something similar - I've found in Jesus*
 - Invite them to listen to the Messiah Jesus

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