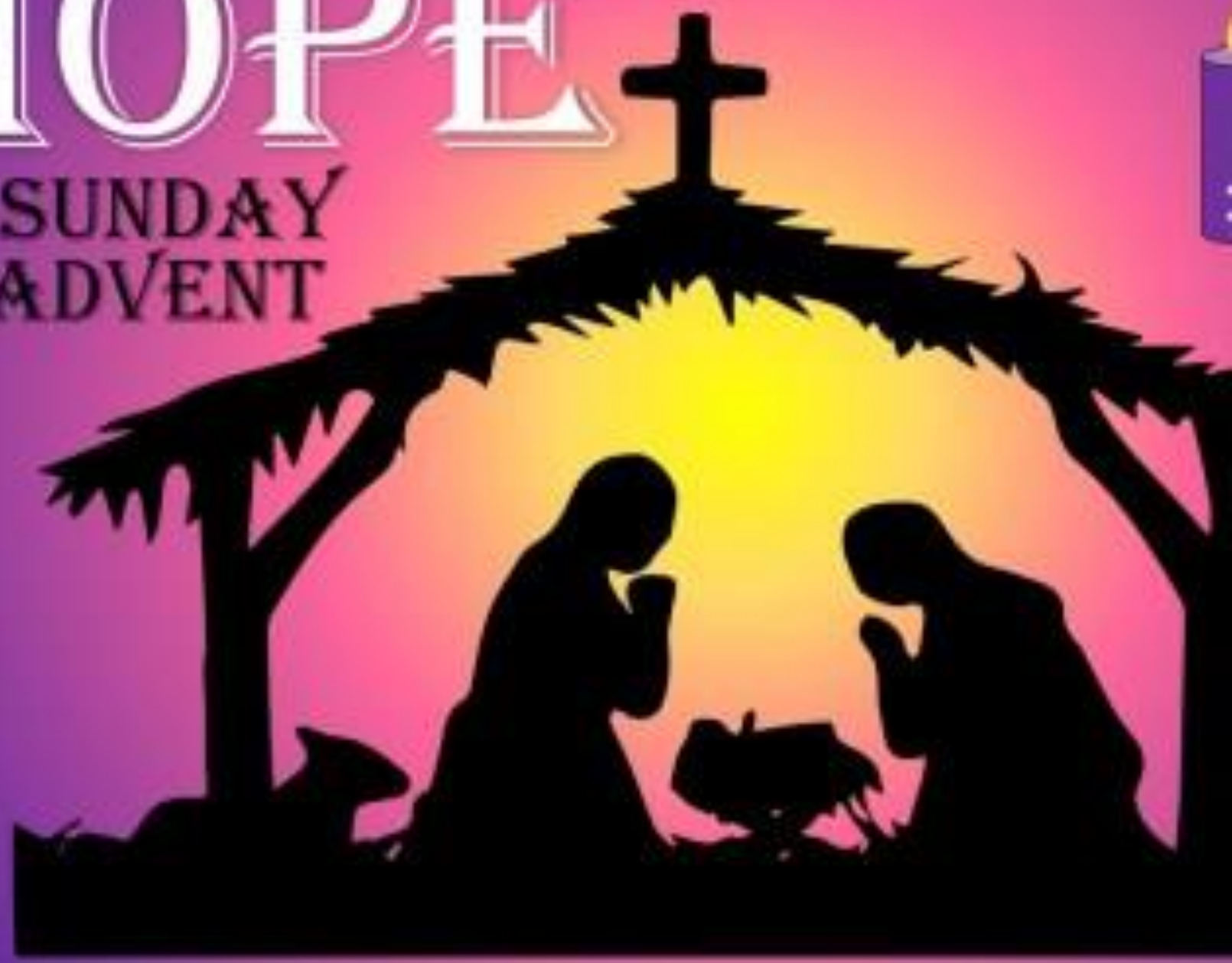


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1ST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT





**AVELEIGH'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE,
SUNDAY DEC. 2, 2018**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**SERMON: UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF
ADVENT HOPE**

TEXT LUKE 21:25-31 P. 1131

LUKE 21:25-36 P. 1131



**²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.
²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.**



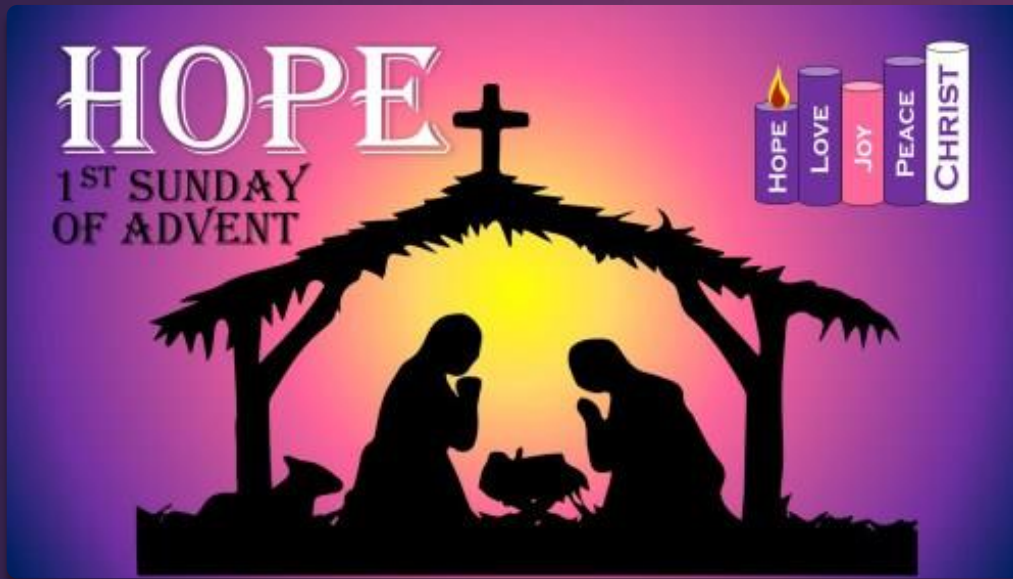
27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”



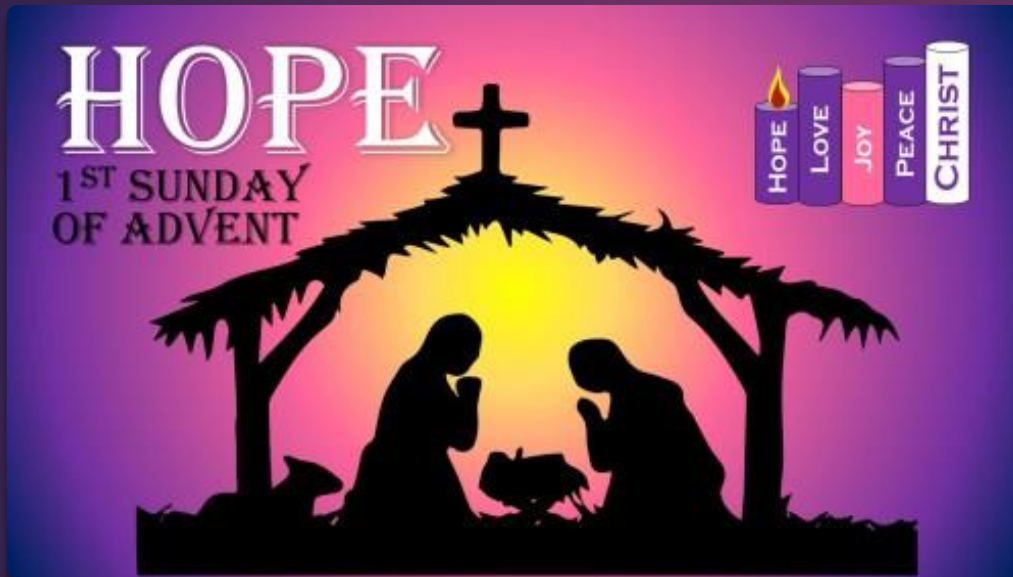
29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.

31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.



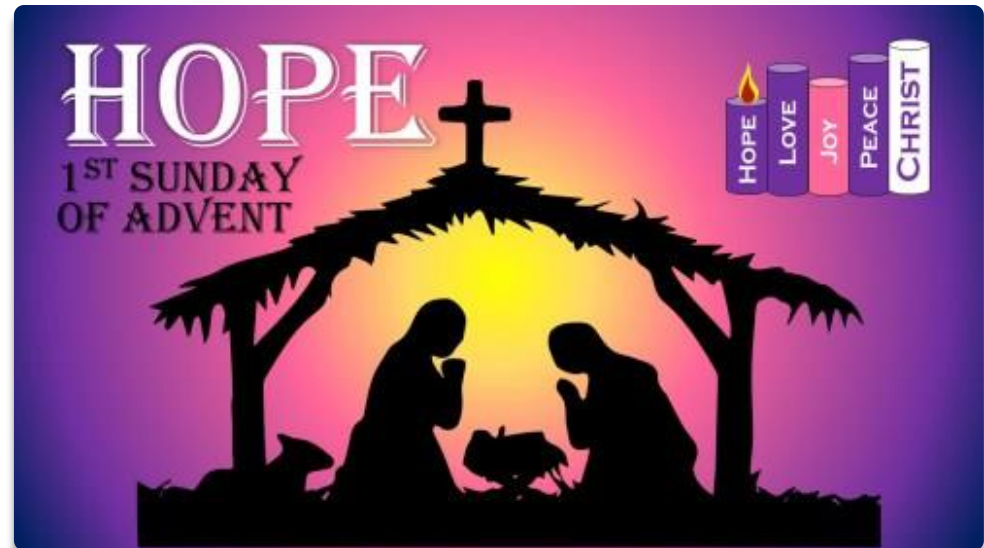
**WHAT
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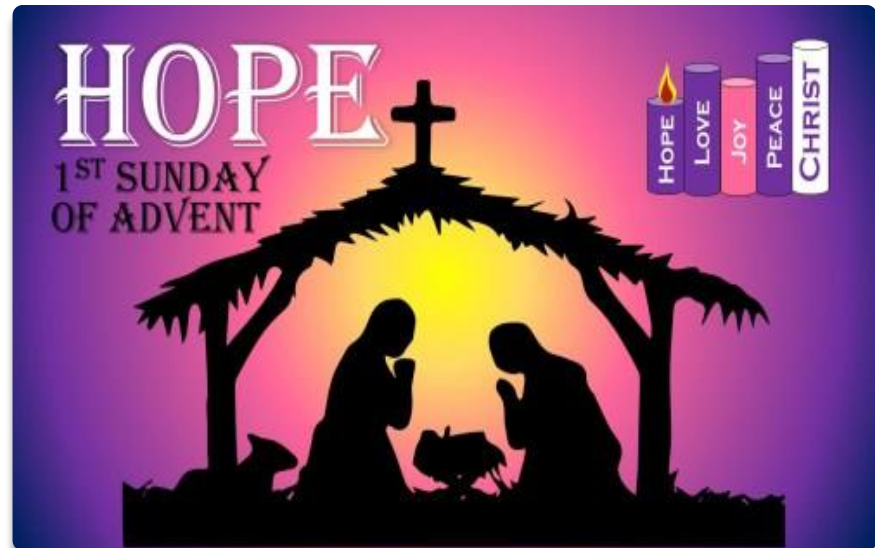
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**“So the Word
[Jesus]
became flesh
and lived here
on earth
among us.”
John 1:14**



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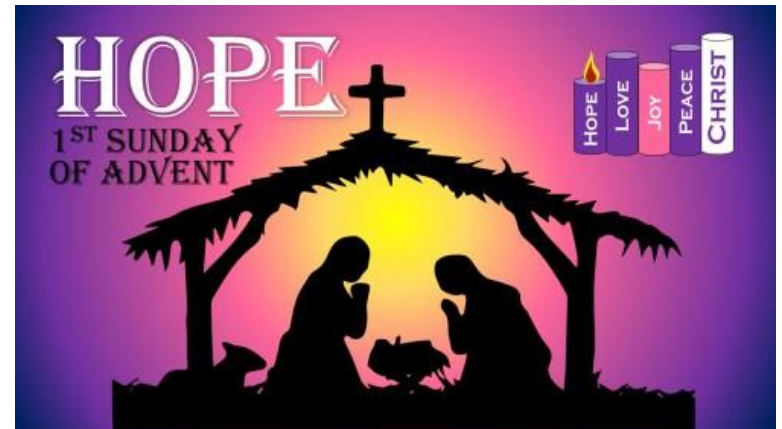
**“This High Priest of ours [Jesus] understands our weaknesses, for He faced all the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin.”
Hebrews 4:15**



JESUS IS 100% HUMAN

“And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, for there is no sin in Him.”

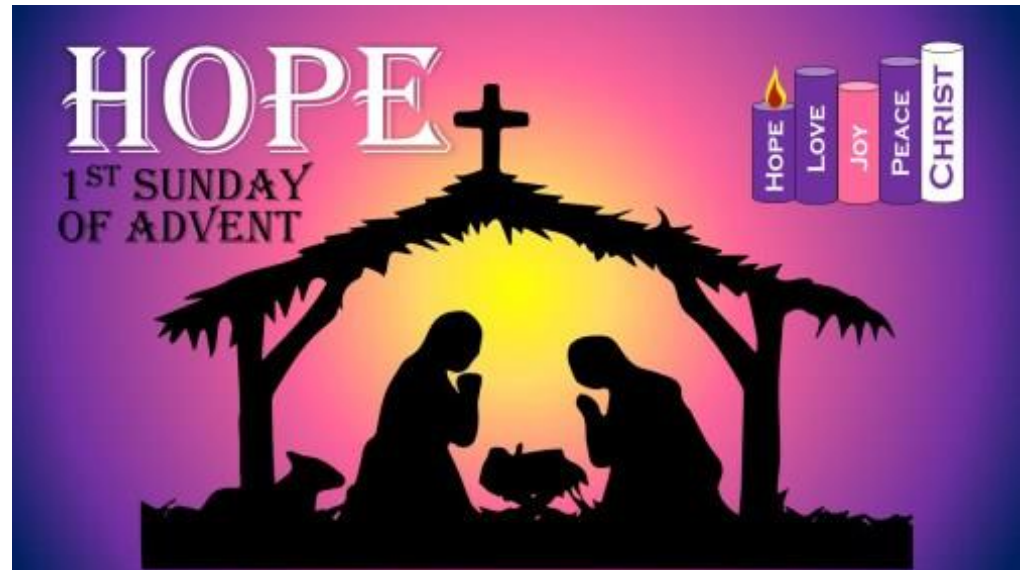
1 John 3:5

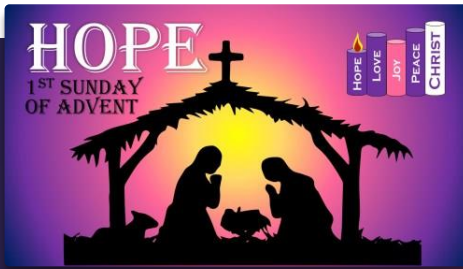


2. JESUS IS 100% GOD

“In the beginning the Word [Jesus] already existed. He was with God and He was God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that He didn’t make.”

John 1:1-3





2. JESUS IS 100% GOD

Evidences:

Miracles (Luke 7: 21-22)

²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’” At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Evidences:
JESUS WAS 100% GOD

Eyewitnesses to His perfect life (Mat.16:13-17)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

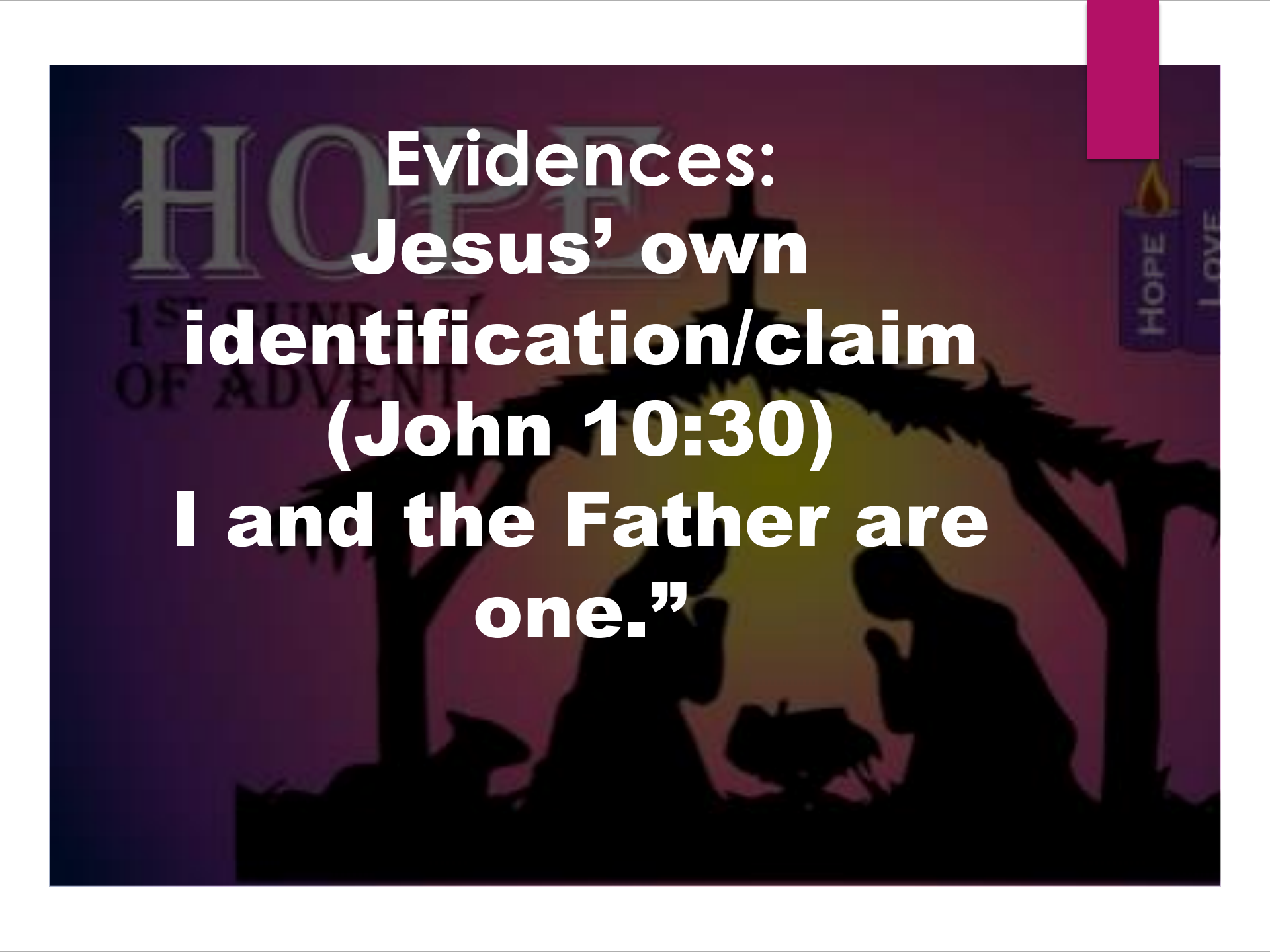
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2. JESUS WAS 100% GOD

Fulfillment of Prophecy

(Luke 24:44)

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”



**Evidences:
Jesus' own
identification/claim
(John 10:30)
I and the Father are
one.”**

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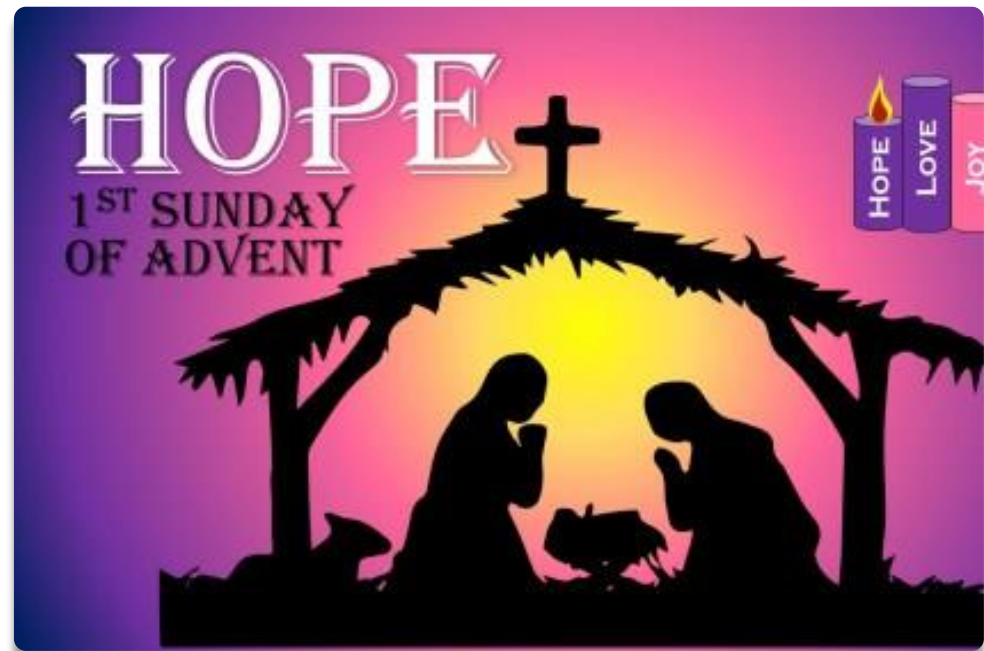
Evidences:

Resurrection (Mark 8:31)

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

3. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

**“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.’”
John 14:6**



3. JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

“God isn’t late with His promise ... He is restraining Himself on account of you, holding back the End because He doesn’t want anyone lost. He’s giving everyone space and time to change.”

2 Peter 3:9 (The Message)

Are all religions the same?

YES All religions teach what you must **DO** to get to some reward.

BUT.....

Christianity is a relationship which celebrates what Christ has already **DONE** for **YOU**.

(not what you do for yourself)



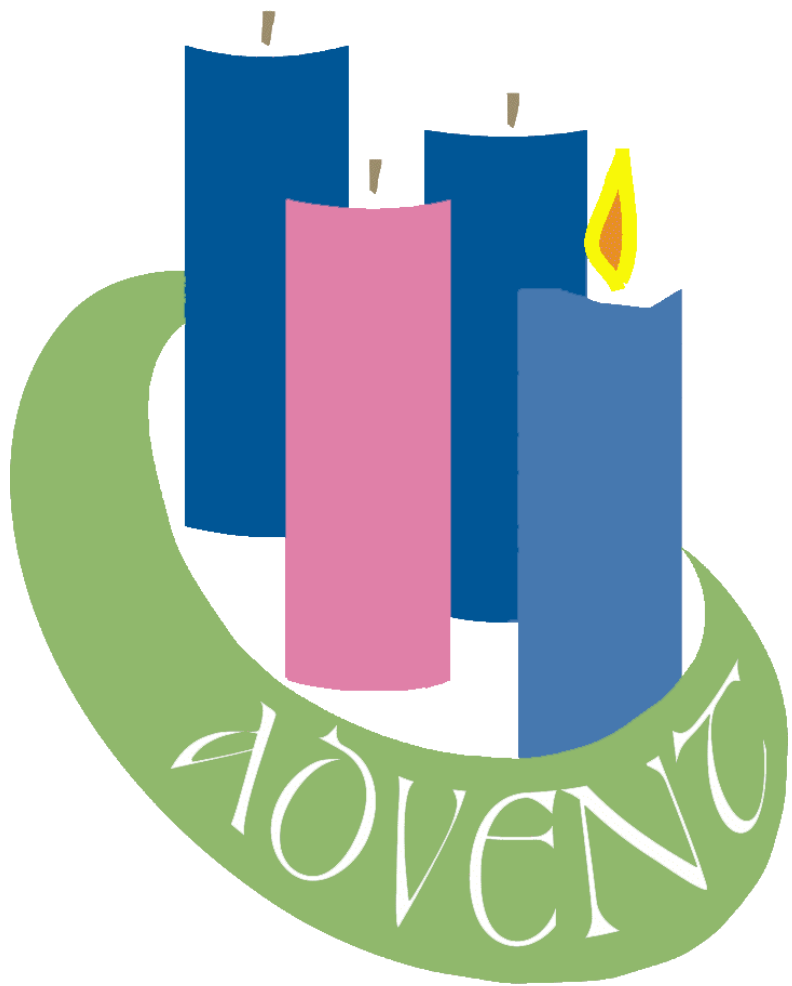
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“There is salvation in no one else! There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them.”

Acts 4:12



**THREE ACTION
STEPS
MAKING
THESE TRUTHS
PERSONAL**



1. JESUS IS THE WAY: Action step:
MOURN for those without Jesus.

“When He [Jesus] looked over the crowds, His heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd.”

Matthew 9:36 (The Message)



2. JESUS IS THE TRUTH: Action step: Make the pursuit of truth a priority.

“Keep on asking... Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened.”

Mat. 7:7



3. JESUS IS THE LIFE:


Action step: Move from a religion to a relationship.

“Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” Philippians 3:8



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PRAYER “May God bless you with His special favor and wonderful peace as you come to know Jesus, our God and Lord, better and better. As we know Jesus better, His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive His own glory and goodness.” AMEN. 2 Peter 1:2-3