

CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELED - WE'RE JUST WAITING!
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4th Week of Advent – Waiting on the Gift of Love

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Text: Luke 2:1-7

Meditation:

So often we look for God to do “the big thing” when more often than not, God does the simple, plain to see thing.

The gift of Jesus, savior of the world, is a big deal. But Jesus doesn't come with royal pomp and circumstance. There are not parades of people lining up to see the new-born king. Rather, a peasant couple, from a nowhere town, arrive in the suburb of Jerusalem only to have her go in labor and have to deliver in a cattle stall. There is nothing unusual about this birth. Mary goes into labor and then delivers a happy healthy Jewish baby.

And yet, this birth has such an impact that it creates a shift in time. All the years prior to his birth is the countdown to his arrival. All the years following his birth are marked as going forward. This normal regular birth of a baby boy changed the timeline of history.

For us it is a reminder that we are on another countdown. The countdown to Christ's return. God in flesh has arrived once. And God will come back in all his glory to finish repairing all that remains broken. This is the gift of love God reminds us of at Christmas. *I have come and I am coming back. You are mine and I love you.*

As we prepare to celebrate the arrival of the King of kings tonight, how ready are you if Christ returns today? What brokenness do you need healed?

Whom do you know who needs to hear they are deeply loved and not abandoned?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for reminding us that you love not just in big things but in the little everyday things. Help us to celebrate in that awareness that you are in all things! Heal our brokenness so that we may rejoice in your love. Amen.

