

Open It

What is the most unexpected Christmas gift you have ever received?

Consider It

People have different responses to the coming of Jesus. How would you summarize the following responses in a phrase?

Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)

Simeon (Luke 2:25-32)

Anna (Luke 2:36-38)

Magi (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12)

Herod (Matthew 2:3-9, 16)

What do you find most compelling or convicting about these responses?

Scripture is clear that both the shepherds (Luke 2:20) and Anna (Luke 2:36-38) almost immediately began telling others about Jesus. How does their natural response to share the good news inspire you? Who might God have you tell about Jesus?

Read Matthew 2:13–18. Anthony Carter describes this scene as “the brutal and blunt reminder of why Jesus came into the world in the first place.” Why does this event belong in our remembrance of the Christmas story? What do we miss if we overlook it?

As you reflect on this Advent journey, how has your understanding of hope changed? How have you experienced a deepened hope in your daily life?

Advent: A Living Hope

The Hope of a Savior

Luke 2:8-38

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Sermon Question

How will you respond to the message of hope?

Like the Shepherds

Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.

Luke 2:15 (NIV)

Like Mary

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19 (NIV)

Like Anna

She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Luke 2:38 (NIV)

Like Simeon

Simeon too him in his arms and praised God, saying:

Luke 2:28 (NIV)

My Next Step!