Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!



Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near



I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear



Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. Keep alert at all times."

Luke 21: 27-36



Holy Tension













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Adventus = "I come toward" "I arrive"



"Advent prepares not just for the first coming of Christ to Israel, or even the second at the end of time. There is a third coming between these two in which Jesus comes in spirit and power for our rest and consolation" St. Bernard of Clairvaux



Looking Back... at the first coming of Christ Looking Forward... to the coming again Looking Inward...to make space for Him now



Both infant and Saviour

The Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Luke 2:11



Both division and peace

"Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" Luke 12:51



Both death and new life

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die John 11:25-26



Both fully God and fully man

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body

Colossians 2:9



"Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory"

Luke 21:27



"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here." (Romans 13:11-12)



Now

Not Yet

Jesus is King
Satan defeated
Sick are healed
Jesus resurrected

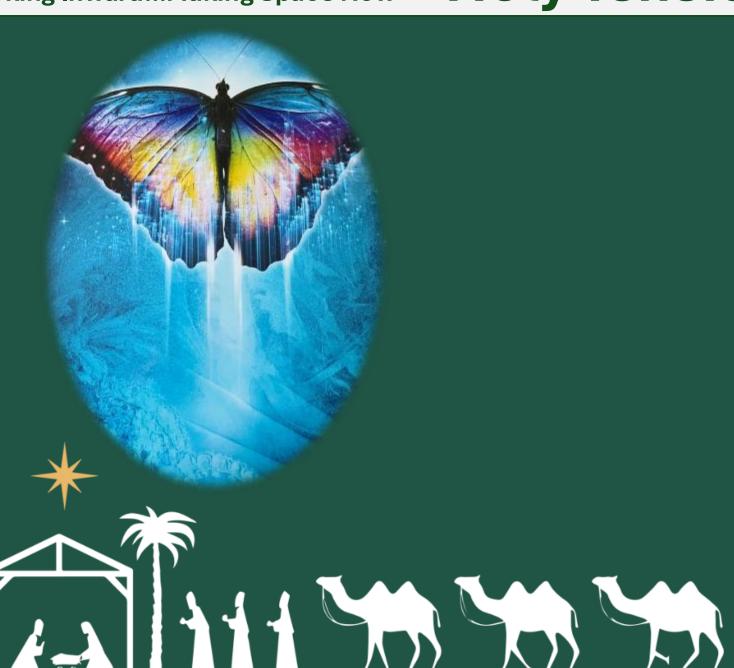
Kingdom incomplete
Still temptation
Some not yet healed
Creation groans



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The Bridal Butterfly



Holy Suspense

