

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



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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

Jesus is King
Satan defeated
Sick are healed
Jesus resurrected

Not Yet

Kingdom incomplete
Still temptation
Some not yet healed
Creation groans



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The Bridal Butterfly



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Looking Inward...making space for Him now

Holy Suspense

