

## **“The Four Advents”**

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We usually acknowledge two Advents of Jesus, His first coming in a manger and his second coming which happens at the end of time. There are, however, four Advents.

### **1. First Advent of Jesus**

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah 9:6

### **2. Second Coming of Jesus**

*“ . . . Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you?”*

2 Corinthians 13:5

*“ . . . faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”*

Romans 10:17

### **3. Third Coming of Jesus**

*“During the night, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”*

Acts 16:9-10

### **4. Fourth Coming of Jesus**

*“Look, he [Jesus] is coming with the clouds, and ‘every eye will see him,’ even those who pierced him . . .”*

Revelation 1:7

- \* Jesus comes in a manger (First Advent)
- \* Jesus comes through God’s Word (Second Advent)
- \* Jesus comes through us (Third Advent)
- \* Jesus comes through His physical return