ADVENT
WAIT FOR IT
READINGS
“Wait For It . . .”

When you hear those words, something epic is about to happen.

In Advent, we’re remembering that something epic did happen and something epic is going to happen again. Something even more epic than a fail gone viral on YouTube.

The Apostle Paul never clicked a link or saw a spinning progress wheel in his life but he understood what it meant to “wait for it . . .” He wrote of the first and second appearance of Jesus in Titus 2:11-13,

“The grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

God came for us once. He’s coming for us again.

Early Christians had hope for the parousia - the Greek word Paul used to describe the coming of Jesus. When Latin became the dominant language in the Roman world, adventus replaced parousia, giving us our word, Advent. Christians as early as the 4th century used the weeks leading up to Christmas as a time to remember the first Advent of Jesus and look forward to His second.

We’re still waiting.

This collection of Advent readings is drawn from biblical texts that teach us what it means to “wait for it . . .” when it comes to the Lord and His return. Read them. Share them. Let your heart process what God is saying to you.

Don’t rush Christmas this year. Wait for it . . .
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TITUS 2:11-13

CHRISTMAS is coming. That means more lines, more traffic, and more waiting.

That doesn’t exactly bring out the best in us.

Have you seen footage of Black Friday?

The Bible says we’re supposed to be waiting for something greater than a $99 flatscreen TV: the return of Jesus.

Advent is about remembering that Jesus came once and He’s coming again.

But we don’t know when, so we have to wait.

Umm, how does that work?

In Titus 2:11-13, The apostle Paul says that in Jesus, “the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Jesus is grace-in-the-flesh; He teaches us how to trust the Father. On the night before the original “black Friday,” He wasn’t waiting for a choice spot in line; He was praying. He said “No” to the world and said yes to the will of His Father.

Jesus didn’t fight for cheap merchandise; He fought for you!

He fought by waiting for the Father . . . because He trusted the Father. He wants to teach us the same kind of trust; His grace is an amazing teacher.

You’ll wait most patiently for the things you trust most most unconditionally. Are you trusting God?

If not, what are you waiting for?