

Next Steps: Too often during this time of the year we can be overwhelmed by the time-consuming trappings of the holidays. As a result, we don't take the time to prepare our hearts for The Advent of Jesus. This is our opportunity to personally reflect on God's great gift to the world in the miraculous birth of Jesus.

Read Luke 1:1-4

Where did Luke get his information for this account?

Why did Luke write this version of the life of Jesus?

Read Luke 1:5-25

How are Zechariah and Elizabeth described?

What was Zechariah's job (see Exodus 29:38-43; 30:1-10)

Who does Zechariah unexpectedly encounter?

What is the promise that is given to Zechariah?

How does Zechariah respond to this promise?

Read Luke 1:26-28

How is Mary described?

Who does Mary unexpectedly encounter?

How is Mary greeted?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

How does Paul describe his new life?

Can you echo Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:10?

Read Romans 5:1-11

What do these verses teach you about your "high favor" in God's eyes?

Next Week: For the Second Sunday of Advent we will be taking a look at Luke 1:29-33 as we learn about Mary's High Calling.