**Advent**

Luke 12:40, Luke 21:25–28, 34–36; Daniel 7:13-14

## Context

The New Testament is filled with expressions of Jesus’ second Advent. He is the Thief in the Night; He is the Groom coming for His wedding. Have you noticed what we focus our preparation on with Jesus’ second Advent? Pestilence, rumors of war, the mark of the beast. Yet when we observe how Jesus Himself speaks about the second coming, he draws our attention to preparing for the Advent of a particular man.

## Bible Verses

**Luke 12:40** 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

**Luke 21:25–28,** 25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

**Luke 21:34–36** 34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

## Question

Are you ready for the Advent of the Son of Man?

# Who is the Son of Man?

**Daniel 7:13** I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

**One *\_\_\_\_\_\_* a Son of Man.**

**Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ self-designation for Himself is the Son of Man.**

**At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we savor the first Advent of the Son of man.**

**Are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_-minded or disillusioned?**

**Pray**

“Dear Jesus, I confess I am a sinner and deserve judgment and hell, but I believe You love, came to this earth for me, lived a sinless life, and died on the cross for my sins. I believe God raised you from the dead to forgive me. Please forgive me, come into my life, and grant me eternal life in You name. Help me to glorify you in all I do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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“Come and Disperse Enemies in Your Power”  
  
 Come, Lord Jesus,  
 take away scandals from your kingdom, which is my soul,  
 and reign therein, you who alone have the right.  
 For avarice comes to claim a throne within me;  
 haughtiness and self-assertion would rule over me;  
 pride would be my king;  
 luxury says, “I will reign”;  
 ambition, detraction, envy, and anger struggle within me for mastery.  
 Come, then, O Lord, and disperse these enemies in your power,  
 and reign in me, for you yourself are my King and my God,  
 who gives salvation to your chosen ones.  
  
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