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From the Coordinator

“And he who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” -II Kings 7:9



This is the season in which the church remembers that Jesus came once in humility as a baby and that he surely will come again in glory as king, to reign over new heavens and new earth, having made all things completely new, even the perfected souls and resurrected bodies of his people. Hallelujah! Amen.

As we live between these First and Second Advents of Jesus, we look for his coming to us repeatedly now, by his word and spirit, by his gospel breaking into our lives more deeply and breaking out into the world more widely. This is the hope of all our efforts in church planting, church renewal, and engaging in missional partnerships – that Christ is still active now, powerfully active, to continue to make things new, even as we await his return.

And because Jesus came in the obscurity of a stable birth, born to peasant parents, under the harsh oppression of Rome that forced a teenage pregnant girl to endure a long journey away from home as her time of delivery approached, we can be confident that he is present and active now in the most obscure, forgotten, neglected and oppressed spaces of our culture, active in love and mercy towards the people in those places. Jesus still loves to come into those places. So, let us follow him there, carrying the gospel with us.

Blessed Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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