

Longing for Peace

LONGING @ LIGHT | WEEK 1 | DAVE D'ANGELO

Matthew's gospel places Jesus in Jewish history and reveals that Jesus came as King. Opens with extensive genealogy.

Mark's gospel places Jesus in soteriology history and reveals that Jesus came to die. Source material came from Peter (followed Jesus, denied Him, then was restored by Him).

Luke places Jesus in world history and reveals that Jesus came for all.

John places Jesus in eternal history and reveals that when Jesus came, God came.

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John tells us:

- Jesus is God in human form.
- Because Jesus is God, He can do what He came to do—begin the end of darkness.

Advent reminds us we don't wait empty-handed; the deepest longings of our soul are already satisfied.

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Question: Am I chasing surface-level, momentary peace through completion, control, consumption, or checking out?

We feel off when something is off between us and the one who created us.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shalom (OT): completeness, to make amends, make whole or complete. A picture of something complex with many pieces but in a state of completeness.

Eirene (NT): oneness, quietness or rest; carrying the concept of wholeness, unity or to be tied together.

Biblical peace is not the absence of conflict; it's the presence of a person.

All the peace and favor of the world cannot calm a troubled heart; but where this peace of Christ is, all the trouble and disquiet of the world cannot disturb it.

Isaiah 26:3-4

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

