

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2024! Leading to Worship Sunday, December 1, 2024

Reading: Luke 21:25-36

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week, for the first week of Advent, we focus on living Jesus, not waiting for Jesus. (Sorry in advance for the wind!) Click here:

<https://youtu.be/FtDPQFVwHw> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- This week begins the new (church) year! In Luke 21, Jesus tells us to watch for the signs of his coming. There will be signs in the sun, the moon and stars, and nations will be confused by the roaring of the sea and waves. The Son of Man will come in a cloud with power and great glory.
- Jesus assures his disciples in a parable that they will recognize the signs just as surely as they can see spring is coming from the leafing of the fig tree.
- So Jesus exhorts us to watch: "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly like a trap." (Luke 21:34-35)

Two Questions

- What comes to mind for the first Sunday in Advent? A delightful baby in a manger? The joy of Christmas? Are we meant to focus on the worry and calamity of "signs," or Jesus' coming? Is Jesus' message in Luke 21 a message of foreboding? Or a message of hope?
- Don't we have a tendency to "wait and worry" for Christmas? How do we bring Jesus with us on the journey to Christmas, instead of treating his coming like the destination?

Action Step

- Light the beacon of hope for Advent. But be sure to enjoy the beauty of the journey to Christmas!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!