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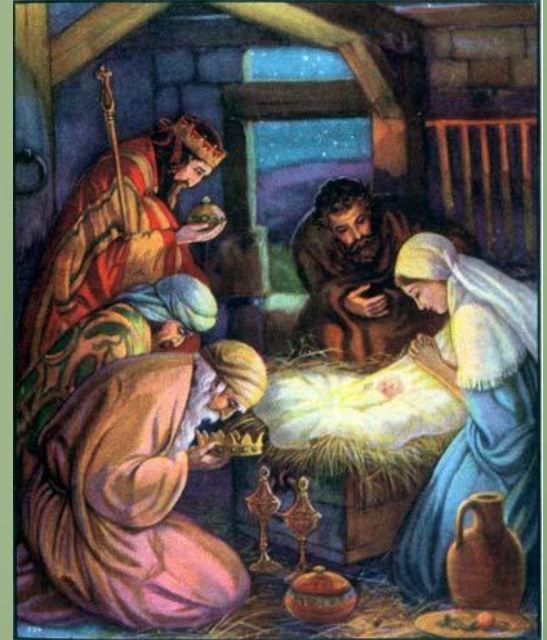
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Advent

- the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event
- Christian theology: the coming or second coming of Christ
- “Advent” comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, which is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, often used to refer to the second coming of Christ

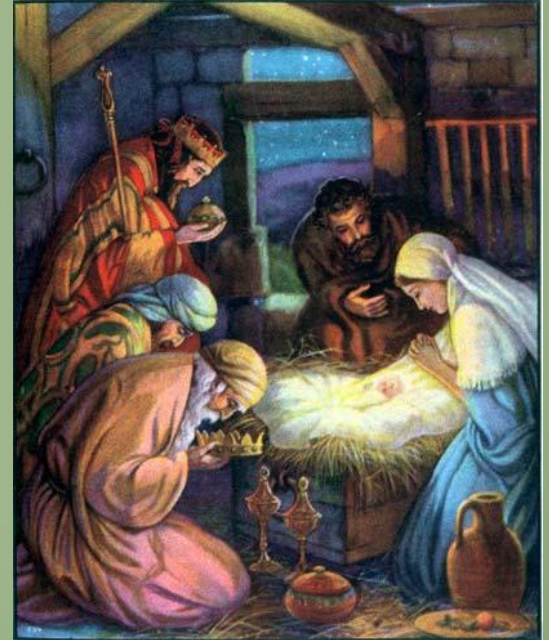


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Adventure

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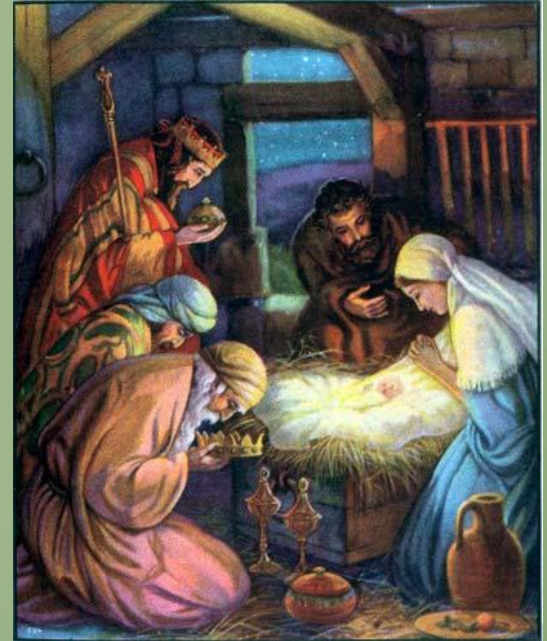


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- Yearning for, anticipating, and preparing for the coming of Jesus
- The unusual and exciting, sometimes hazardous, experience of preparing for the coming of Jesus...
 - whether the first coming of Jesus,
 - or the second coming of Jesus,
 - or the coming of Jesus each day.

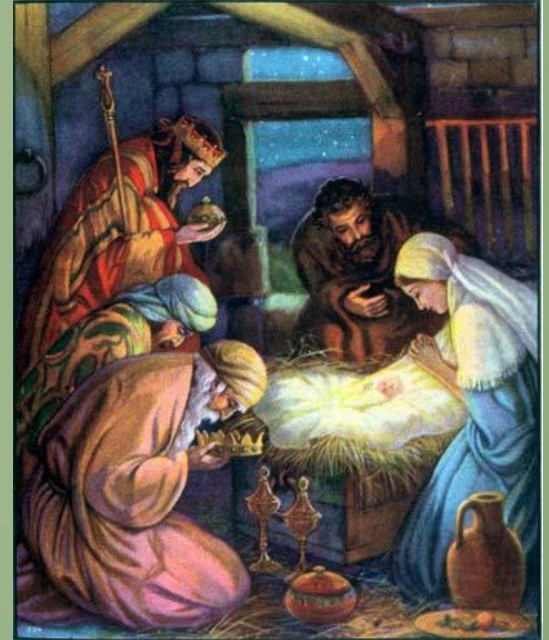


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- Typically we've focused on two events: the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago, and the second coming of Jesus, at a time that only God the Father knows.
- But there is this third "coming of Christ" that we also anticipate. It is the coming of Christ into every situation of every day in the lives of those who believe in him.



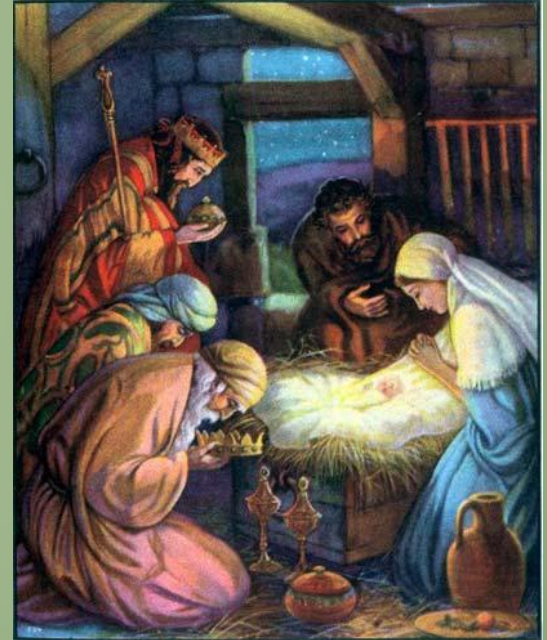
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Advent is the time and attitude of preparing for the coming of Christ.

We include in our preparation a recognition of the **PAIN** that comes with Christ's coming.

One-Point Summary: **PAIN** is a vital part of preparing for Christ's coming.

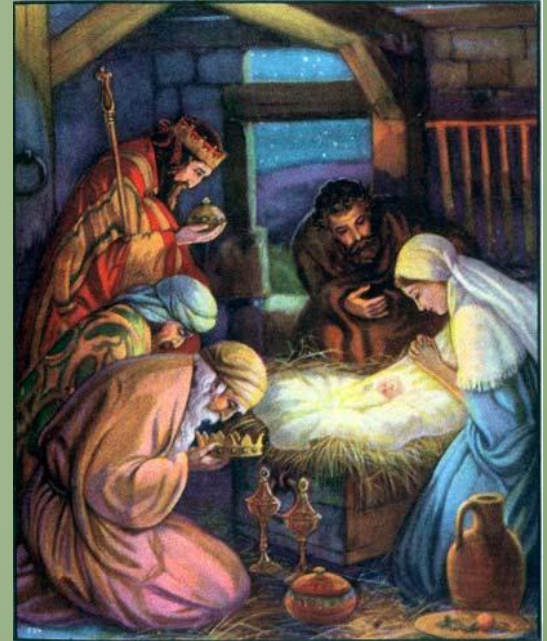


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We prepare best when our yearning for the coming of Christ recognizes **PAIN** and prepares for it as a part of Christ's coming. Why?

- You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
- This protects against disillusionment.
- It recognizes the greatness of God's love.
- It invites us to join with Jesus in his life.



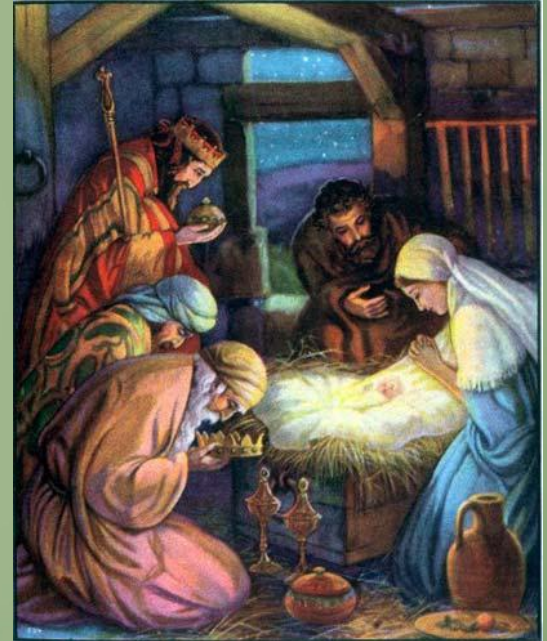
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How is this demonstrated in Christ's coming?

- There was **PAIN** in Christ's first coming.
- **PAIN** is foreseen in Christ's second coming.
- We recognize (and experience) **PAIN** in daily events in which Jesus is invited – here and around the world.



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