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Teaching Notes

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Jesus Comes as a Prophet

_____ = To look forward to, to expect, to foretaste or foresee, to be sure of

A prophet reveals thru _____ and _____ what's on God's heart and mind _____ His people

John 1:1-2 (NLT) ¹ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He existed in the beginning with God...

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unflinching love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

Mark 6:3-4 (NLT) ...They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.⁴ Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family."

Luke 13:33-34 (NLT) ³³ Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem!³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

John 1:10 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him.¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

What did Jesus reveal to us:

First... That God would go to _____ to establish a relationship with us

Phil 2:6-8 (NLT) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Second... To reveal something of the _____ of God

John 3:16-17 (NLT) ¹⁶ "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Jesus consistently revealed the _____ of a _____ God

NLT 1 Corinthians 2:9 That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

Third... Jesus' coming demonstrates that we are a people in _____ of _____ !

John 1:4-9 ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. ⁶ God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷ to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony.⁸ John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light.⁹ The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

NLT John 8:12 Jesus said to the people, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Living in sin is like living in _____ !

Will you open your heart and mind to welcome the _____ of _____ this Advent season??