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Teaching Notes

Advent 2012
Jesus is Coming

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NLT) ⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Jesus: _____

Daniel 7:13-14 "As my vision continued that night, I saw someone who looked like a [Son of] man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. He was given authority, honor, and royal power over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed."

Because Jesus is Everlasting, we know that He is _____.

NLT John 14:7-11 "Anyone who has seen me [Jesus] has seen the Father! So why are you asking to see him? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

NLT 1 John 2:23 "Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father either. But anyone who confesses the Son has the Father also."

Jesus as Everlasting Father is my _____

Mark 6:35-44 (NLT) ³⁵ Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late.³⁶ Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat."³⁷ But Jesus said, "You feed them." "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"³⁸ "How much bread do you have?"

he asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."³⁹ Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.⁴¹ Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.⁴² They all ate as much as they wanted,⁴³ and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.⁴⁴ A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed from those loaves!

Jesus as Everlasting Father is my _____

NLT John 10:28-29 "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. So no one can take them from me."

Jesus as Everlasting Father _____ me

Matt 14:22-33 (NLT) ²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. ²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" ²⁸ Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." ²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" ³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

Let Jesus, Everlasting Father, _____ in your life!