

## As it had been Told Them

### Tuesday Bible Study Group

November 30 – December 21

10:30 am to 12 noon

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“In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, *“Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”* And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”*”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *“Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”* So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what **had been told them** about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, **as it had been told them.**”

Twice in this well-known passage we are told that the shepherds were told all about the “good news of great joy for all the people” – the birth of “in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” For centuries, the People of God had been hearing about this promised Saviour – and each Advent we retell these promises: but what was it that “*had been told them*”? Join us for a short 4-week advent journey through the Prophecies of Jesus.

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An Advent Journey through the Prophecies of Jesus.

Session 1: Tuesday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>:                      The Promise.  
Genesis 3:15; Numbers 24:17; Deuteronomy 18:18; Micah 5:2

Session 2: Tuesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>:                      Who?  
Psalm 2:7; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 40:11; Isaiah 42:1; Luke 1:31-33

Session 3: Tuesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>:                      Why?  
Psalm 22:1 & 6; Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; Isaiah 42:6-7; Isaiah 53:3-5; Isaiah 61:1; Mal 4:2

Session 4: Tuesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>:                      The Fulfillment  
Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20; Philippians 2:6-11; John 1:1-18  
Summary & Communion