

4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:45-49. What is the significance of this comparison between Adam and Jesus?

5. How would you talk to a friend about God becoming human?

6. Who is one person, who is far from God, you want to tell (or continue telling) God's story to in this Advent season?

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## SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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### **Advent**

"True and Better Adam"

Romans 5:12-21

Jesus is reenacting the stories, making them new, and redeeming them.

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." (A.W. Tozer)

Genesis 1: 26-27

### **Why did God become human?**

1. To be the perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

"The Son of God became man to enable men to become the sons of God." (CS Lewis)

Colossians 1: <sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

God is not an interesting idea, but a historical \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 5: <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



2. To \_\_\_\_\_ the power of sin and temptation.

Luke 22: 39-44

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and empathizes with you.

Hebrews 4: <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are...yet he did not sin.

3. To \_\_\_\_\_ death, the devil, and darkness.

"... the death of Jesus has been seen as the putting into action of God's love, and above all as the act of obedience through which, as always envisaged in the covenant, sin and death have been defeated and grace and life unveiled in their place." (N.T. Wright)

Colossians 1: <sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

2 Timothy 1:<sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The better we know the story, the better we \_\_\_\_\_ the story. And the best stories are always worth telling.

### **Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions**

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. As you think about the contrasts between Adam and Jesus, what elements stand out to you in portraying Jesus as the new Adam?
3. Thinking about people in your life who are far from God, what aspects of these contrasts might be challenging to grasp or accept?