

Follow Along Advent Readings, Day 4



Welcome back to Day 4 of our discussion about the Painted Advent devotional from the Bible app. Today's painting is called Good News.

You never know when it will happen.

You're going about your daily work all things appearing normal when BAM! A chorus of angels lights up the night sky and scares you to death! At least that's what happened to the shepherds in the Christmas story. What had been an ordinary day for them turned into an extraordinary one in a moment's notice.

I wonder if the shepherds noticed anything different that evening.

I imagine all of heaven on the brink of a holy explosion—the angels barely containing their excitement. Was the night sky especially bright? Maybe a shooting star or two streaking across the sky in anticipation of what was about to happen? Or perhaps the air was charged with electricity, the impending fulfillment of ancient prophecy.

All we know is that one minute all was normal and the next it was not—the world forever changed.

The same can be true for us.

Within each day lies the potential for a Richter-scale change, for the glory of God to burst upon our everydayness with a power that takes our breath away.

What will that look like? It could be an angelic visitation (those things still happen today). But it could also be an invisible but just as mighty display of God's power as evidenced by a changed heart, salvation for a loved one, a healed relationship, a new job, a sick person made well, a prodigal come home.

As Christ-followers, each day we get to live in the hope and shadows of miracles.



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We go about our lives always praying for what God lays on our heart while watching for His displays of power. Today could be the day!

What do you think about living in holy expectancy? Share your

thoughts below.

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