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Title: Advent: Hope

Text: Matthew 13

Introduction

I. No Hope

Death and woe

II. False Hope

Life in ourselves

III. Real Hope

Life sown

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” (1 Peter 1:3)

Conclusion

- Where does ‘the world’ put its hope? Why does it disappoint?
- Where do ‘the religious’ put their hope? Why does it disappoint?
- How is the hope that Jesus represents surprising?
- How do we keep the wonder of Christmas in front of us?