

## Watching and Waiting      Advent Gospel Study 2020

### Third Sunday    December 13, 2020

Focus question: *What are you expecting this Advent season?*

#### **The Word: Read John 1: 6-8; 19-28**

Examine John 1: 6-8

This gospel writer emphasizes the unique role of John the Baptist “to bear witness” to Jesus, “the light”. These verses also offer a description of the attitude for a disciple. ...” so that all might believe through him”.

*How might you embody the attitude of a disciple of Jesus this week?*

Examine John 1:19-23

John the Baptist denies that he is the Messiah, Elijah returned, nor the Moses-like prophet predicted in Deuteronomy 18:15 (see also John 6:14). John’s mission was specific: to stir the expectations of the people, exhorting them to be baptized in preparation for the coming of the Lord.

*What are some of the expectations of your role as a disciple of Christ?*

Examine John 1: 24-28

For John the Baptist and for disciples of every age, testimony bears fruit. We are called to proclaim in word and actions that God is here and is active in the world.

*How might you expect God to be present in your life this week?*

*How can you support others as they strive to testify to the light of Christ?*

**Prayer:** Come Lord Jesus and be our guest. Grant us expectant hearts that we may bear witness to you.

**Last Word:** This week, be aware of your expectations of yourself and others.