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Meditation

Red Light, Green Light

“What are you waiting for! The light has already turned green!!” I’m sure no one has had this thought while driving other than myself. Oh well, maybe a couple of people here and there. We become irate when others don’t see traffic signs such as going significantly below the speed limit, or running red lights, or not using a signal light before turning.

There were many signs of the Messiah’s arrival long ago in Bethlehem. There were a pregnant virgin, a bright star, angels talking to shepherds, and not to mention, wisemen coming from the east to see a baby.

People had waited for thousands of years for the arrival of the Messiah. They all had their own ideas of who He would be. Many couldn’t have imagined Him born to a young mother in the town of Bethlehem. *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days* (Micah 5:2), prophecies that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. John 7:42 explains that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy by being born in Bethlehem.

Throughout the generations, many Hebrews had not lost faith in the coming Messiah. They waited patiently, and maybe some not so patiently. When He arrived what was the response? Some followed Him, others abhorred Him, and even others wanted to treat Him as unimportant. *And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”* (Mark 8:27–29).

So, what are you waiting for? He has come! He is returning! During this season of Advent how are you showing other people signs of the risen Savior?

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love (1 Corinthians 16:13–14).

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