

Christ in the Past Colossians 1:15-16

Additional Scripture References

Hebrews 1:3a John 14:8-11 Psalm 148:5-6 Proverbs 21:1 Colossians 1:19-20 Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Christ

- Redemption: the incarnate Christ born of the Virgin Mary, crucified under Pontius Pilate
- Sanctification: the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament

• Glorification: the coming in glory to be our judge on the last day

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Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Christ

• The present: a cruciform (crossshaped) life of love for the world in the present time

Advent helps us focus on a Savior who was promised long before he came.

We believe... in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence of the Father.

Nicene Creed

Jesus is the Image of God and the Firstborn of All Creation

... the symbol brought with it the actual presence of the object. Richard Melick

Jesus Created All Things for Himself

Steve Zeisler

Our galaxy is uncountable light-years in size, an immense, extraordinary expanse of stars. And it is just one of millions of galaxies that exist at unimaginable distance from each other, making up the whole cosmos.