



A Journey through Advent

Week 4: Wednesday

O King of the peoples and cornerstone of the Church, come and save man, whom you made from the dust of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

A farmer discovered he had lost an old watch of great sentimental value. After searching through the hay in his barn, he called on the help of some children playing nearby, and promised to reward whoever found the watch. The youngsters searched in vain for over an hour.

At the end of the day, one boy asked the farmer if he could try again. The farmer agreed and the boy went back into the barn. Shortly after, he came out with the watch in his hand.

The astonished farmer asked how he had succeeded when the rest had failed. The boy replied, "I stayed really quiet and listened. In the silence, I heard the ticking of the watch and knew where to look for it."

During Zechariah's silence, he went from being a man who questioned God's power to a man who obeyed and praised God in all things.

Sometimes we need silence before we can hear.

How green is your Advent? Try new recipes for using up leftovers.

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Music to listen to...

Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaWX-k11GWo>

A Voice Cries out in the Wilderness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBG_uNYVzRQ

A Mindful Moment...

Think about your relationship with silence. Friend or foe?

A Thought to Carry Through the Day...

The word *listen* contains the same letters as the word *silent*.

