Hope Has a Name

SATURDAY · DECEMBER 5
READ John 1:1-5, 9-14

John does not begin his Gospel with a manger scene. He takes us back before creation itself. The Word was with God, the Word was God, and the Word became flesh. The hope of Advent is not merely that God sent advice, inspiration, or a second chance. He came to us in the person of His Son. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. That does not mean we never experience grief, loneliness, or confusion. It means those things cannot extinguish the life Jesus brings. As the first week of Advent ends, resist the temptation to turn Christmas into sentiment alone. The baby of Bethlehem is the eternal Son who entered our world to save.

REFLECT

How does knowing who Jesus is change what you hope for this Christmas?

PRAY

Jesus, true Light of the world, open our eyes to Your glory and steady our hope in You.