

## Advent Calendar: Day 2

The reflections for this week are centered around the readings for this Sunday's texts  
Isaiah 7:10-14, 1 Timothy 3:16, Luke 1:26-38

### 1 Timothy 3:16

<sup>16</sup> Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:  
He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels,  
proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

One of the lesser appreciated Christmas carols is the African American spiritual, "I Wonder as I Wander." This song and text remind us that this season is filled with wonder and mystery, not only concerning the unwrapping of the gifts under the tree but the unveiling of "The Gift" as we receive adoption, redemption and renewal in the coming of the Christ child. The Advent of Jesus is not predictable or even reasonable. The best gifts never are.

Consider some of the greatest gifts you have received or given. How much was the giver invested in the reception of those gifts? Consider how much God is invested in giving us His Son. Look up the lyrics of "I Wonder as I Wander." What might you do in order that you have time to ponder the mysteries of God's love "that Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I"?