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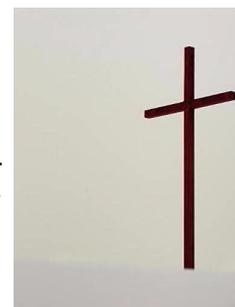


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## ADVENT BLESSINGS

Christmas is about more than the birth of a baby Child. Its truths challenge even the most adult minds. It is about God Himself breaking into creation and history in the flesh-and-blood Person of Jesus the Messiah. It is not about people giving gifts to each other. It is about God giving Himself unto death so that He might give His people abundant and eternal life. It is about God saving His people--not from the Romans, but from their sins, Matthew 1:21. The story is profound, grand, and glorious!

(From *Christmas the Real Story* Student Manual)  
Harry Wendt / Co-Founder



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***Road to Coronation*** Webinar  
January 11: 10 a.m.-noon (CST)

***The Parables of Jesus*** Webinar  
February 13: 10 a.m.-noon (CST)

***An Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium*** Webinar  
March 15: 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. (CST)

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM CI!

Looking for the perfect stocking or bulletin stuffer? Want to show your teacher or class how much you appreciate them? Check out Crossways International's [Christmas List](#)!

Give the gift of God's Word with [The Beginner's Bible](#), [The Children's Illustrated Bible](#), or [The Bible for Busy People](#).

Share the Christmas story with [Christmas: The Real Story](#) or [Open Hearts in Bethlehem](#).

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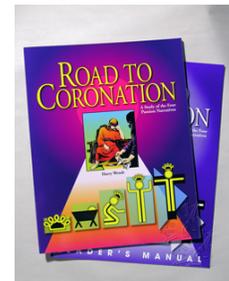


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Gain insight into Jesus' Passion journey and Crucifixion with ***Road to Coronation***.

This Bible study, ideal for Lent, retraces Jesus' steps through the Passion narrative in each of the four Gospels and shows how Jesus' crucifixion was in fact His coronation as King of Creation and History.



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### REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY NOTES

"Even if Joseph had no immediate relatives in Bethlehem, he would have only had to say that he was a descendant of David, and every door in the town would have opened to extend a warm welcome to him and Mary. At that time, Bethlehem's population was possibly only about 150 to 200 people. Even if no accommodation was available in Bethlehem, Mary had earlier visited her cousin Elizabeth (Luke 1:39). Elizabeth lived only a few miles to the northwest of Bethlehem. Without a doubt, Elizabeth would have offered Joseph and Mary accommodation had they needed it."



Read more in the Rev. Dr. Wendt's **December 2017 Revised Common Lectionary Notes**.

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## A PRAYER TO SHARE

Dear Lord and Savior of all people, we thank you for coming among us and for remaining among us. You welcomed into your presence outcast shepherds from near, and Gentiles from afar. You gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the dumb, and healthy bodies to the crippled. You teach us how to walk through life so that we might find meaning, joy, peace, and hope. Keep us in your forgiving grace until the day comes when we shall see you face to face. Amen.

(From **Christmas The Real Story** Leader's Manual)

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