

## Advent

### Week One - Broken Silence

Sunday, November 30, 2025

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of silence.

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_.

"The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD."

Amos 8:11 (NIV84)

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_.

\* True Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Prophetic \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Corporate \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. The Silence was \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_ with John's ministry.

"In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was,<sup>2</sup> "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."<sup>3</sup> The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming! Clear the road for him!'"

Matthew 3:1-3 (NLT)

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_ with Zechariah's vision.

"At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.<sup>42</sup> Elizabeth gave a glad cry and

exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed."

Luke 1:41-42 (NLT)

#### 3. An \_\_\_\_\_ established.

"All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:<sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Matthew 1:22-23 (NLT)

"Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them."

John 14:23 (NLT)

"And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age"

Matthew 28:20b (NIV)

#### 4. Conversation \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. Get \_\_\_\_\_.

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better."

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV84)

##### B. Get \_\_\_\_\_.

"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him."

Psalm 37:7a (NIV84)

##### C. Get \_\_\_\_\_.

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

#### 5. Bridging the silence for \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_.

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?<sup>15</sup> And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

##### B. \_\_\_\_\_.

"...worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.<sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way."

1 Peter 3:15-16a (NLT)

#### Action Steps:

\* I will keep asking God to speak fresh insights into my celebration of the Christmas season.

\* I will endeavor to set aside a minimum of 5 minutes daily to be silent and listen for the insights (write down what he says).

\* I will take my Christian Christmas understanding wherever I go, with the intent of sharing it with others.