

# First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

With these Advent Readings, we begin Cycle B of our Liturgical year. This is the Year of the Gospel of Mark. While Mark is the shortest Gospel, it is also the first Gospel to be written down.

The opening lines of the Gospel Mark 1:1, announce the Good News that Jesus, the Son of God, is the Messenger from God. The Good News.

Throughout his Gospel, Mark speaks of the **Reign of God**, the new Kingdom of God. But Mark also speaks of this Reign as **Coming**, not yet here, but through the experience of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus it will come to pass.

Only then will we recognize the Christ, the resurrected One, who will RETURN!!!

Therefore, the Apostles, and followers of Jesus, must stay alert to recognize the coming of the Kingdom of God. Mark's Gospel speaks often of "staying awake" being Alert; not being lazy or falling asleep. So, our journey this liturgical Year is to be attentive to the Presence of Christ.

Let us be quick to recognize Him.