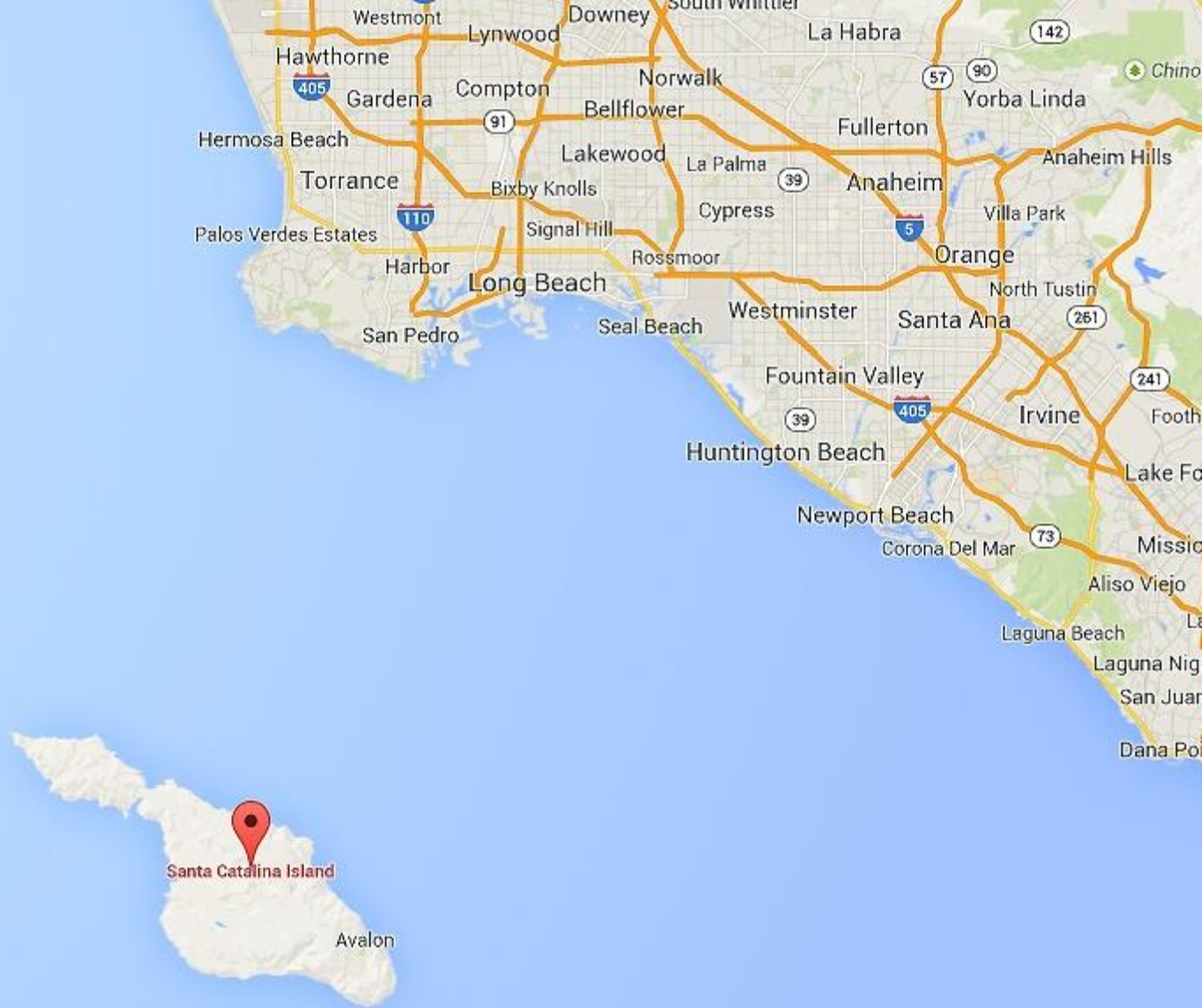


Advent 1: Be Watchful!

Luke 21:1-19, 34-36





Advent Theme:

Living in-between

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

- Luke 21:1-2

And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” - Luke 21:3-4

But the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will buy it from you for a price. **I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing.**” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

– 2 Sam 24:24

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, - Luke 21:5

As for these things that you see,
the days will come when there
will not be left here one stone
upon another that will not be
thrown down. - Luke 21:6



And they asked him, “Teacher,
when will these things be, and
what will be the sign when these
things are about to take place?”

- Luke 21:7



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And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. - Luke 21:8



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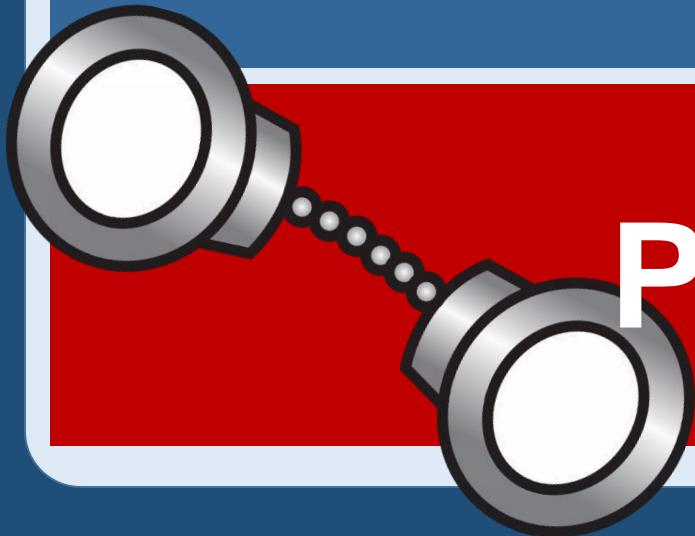
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...they will lay their hands on you
and persecute you, delivering
you up to the synagogues and
prisons, and you will be brought
before kings and governors for
my name's sake. - Luke 21:12

...and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. - Luke 21:16b-19

...we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that **suffering produces**
endurance, and endurance
produces character, and character
produces hope, and hope does
not put us to shame - Rom 5:3-5a

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves - Luke 21:25

And then they will see the Son of
Man coming in a cloud with power
and great glory. – Luke 21:27

Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

- Luke 21:28

The second coming of Christ will change every aspect of life on this planet. Christ will reign in righteousness. Disease will be arrested. Death will be modified. War will be abolished. Nature will be changed. Man will live as it was originally intended he should live... the second coming is the only ray of hope that shines as an ever brightening beam in a darkening world. — Billy Graham

The **HOPE** we have
directly affects
The **ACTION** we take.

But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. - Luke 21:34

But stay awake at all times,
praying that you may have
strength to escape all these things
that are going to take place, and
to stand before the Son of Man.

- Luke 21:36



**Where is your
eternity?**