

# Pandemic Emotions Series

## Part 11

### Advent: Here it is Christmas 2020 —and We're Still Waiting! ©

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Advent. This is the season of Advent. For the 2,020<sup>th</sup> time!

Candles to mark the coming. Music to remember by.

Jesus came.

That was a long time awaiting, centuries in coming. Even our blessed Mary had to wait nine months, no doubt with morning sickness and back aches, riding a donkey in the jarring hours before birthing our baby Jesus. He too, Lord of Creation who spoke all things into being, endured the nine-month-in-darkness wait,

was squeezed through that watery “dark night of the soul”<sup>1</sup>

time tunnel into the light of day He Himself created,<sup>2</sup>

bore the indignities of diapers,

of toddler stumbling,

and of trying out words.

(Preposterous? He who is The Light! He who is The Way! He who is The Word!)<sup>3</sup>

He said he would come again. Now

Second Advent!

We are still waiting.

Isn't this the perfect time for Him to come again?

The world is in greater need than ever for a Savior.

Wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilence pandemic,<sup>4</sup> governments in shambles.

Isn't it time?

We don't like the waiting!

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<sup>1</sup> Jesus told Nicodemus he has been born the human way, but now needed to be born of the Spirit. See John 3:1-8.

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 1:3

<sup>3</sup> Jesus is the Truth, the Life, The Light, The Way, The Word. See all the Gospels.

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 24:6

Are our tears enough to speed His coming?  
We cry, as the ancients cried, “Oh that you would rend the heavens  
and come down!”<sup>5</sup>  
But wait!  
So many are not ready!  
If He comes too soon many will not yet know of Him!  
Can I hurry to tell those imprisoned in darkness that the Light has come?  
To bind up the broken-hearted?  
To feed the poor so they live to know He cares?  
To give good news to the oppressed?  
To fight for justice?<sup>6</sup>  
To give up my feast for the kind of fast He wants from me?<sup>7</sup>  
“All creation’s groaning...  
standing on tiptoe,  
waiting to see the sons of God come into their own.”<sup>8</sup>  
Not alone in my groaning?  
My waiting?  
My desiring?  
Celebrate with me the First Coming to speed the Second!  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!  
We need you Now!

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<sup>5</sup> Isaiah 64:1

<sup>6</sup> All of the mandates above are quoted by Jesus from Isaiah 61:1-4 when he taught in the synagogue, Luke 4:17-19.

<sup>7</sup> Isaiah 58:6

<sup>8</sup> See Romans 8:18-25. Apostle Paul writes of the yearning for renewal of all creation, and that the universe itself waits to see the restoration of mankind.