





#### Advent of the Savior

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# **Thoughtful Preparation**

# Questions and answers from Cindy Bunch:

## Why was it important to you to write Advent of the Savior?

The practice of Advent has been transformative for me. It's a way of thoughtfully preparing for the coming of Christ rather than rushing headlong into Christmas parties and gift buying.

### Whose writing do you look to for inspiration?

I read mainly in the area of spiritual formation. I have been shaped by writers such as Kathleen Norris and Dallas Willard. I had the opportunity to study with Maya Angelou as a student and her writing has also been a great influence.

### How has writing helped you to connect more deeply with your faith?

I try to journal a little bit each day just to take a moment to connect with what's going on inside. When I read Scripture, I like to rewrite key verses and phrases to remember and deepen the insights.

# What is your favorite part of the Christmas story?

The role of Mary is very powerful and sometimes overlooked by Protestants. One of the sessions in the guide is devoted to her.















