



STORIES OF *Hope*

ADVENT SCRIPTURE COURSE

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Hope is “the humble virtue, the virtue that courses beneath the water of life, that keeps us from drowning in the many difficulties and losing the desire to find God, to find that marvellous face that we will all see one day” – **Pope Francis**

The theme of this Advent Scripture Course is "Stories of Hope," and will focus on how hope is found in three very different texts in the Bible: Esther, Romans, and Mark. Advent is a time of expectation, and the hope of salvation that came with the birth of Jesus Christ. With recent news headlines of increasingly dangerous weather events, hostilities in various parts of the world, and further humanitarian crises, today's world is very much in need of the hope that Scripture can help us find in our lives.

COURSE OVERVIEW

SIX PRESENTATIONS

Each presenter has recorded **two** presentations on each of their topics, all of which will be available to watch at your own pace from **10:00am** on **Monday November 13th**.

Q&A WEBINAR

On **December 5th** at **07:30pm** there will be a live Question & Answer webinar with all three presenters. While you will have an opportunity to pose questions in the chat, you may also send them in advance to the presenters through the form on the website, or by email (found on the following pages).

MEDITATION WEBINAR

On **December 19th** at **07:30pm** there will be a meditation webinar based on the texts and themes explored in the course.

PRESENTATIONS

JESSIE



For Such A Time As This (Esther 4:14)

Inspiration from the Book of Esther

Jessie's two presentations will look at hope in the Book of Esther – a text not traditionally associated with the Advent season. Yet, much inspiration can be drawn from how God is portrayed to be at work in the story world of this ancient narrative.

Hope Does Not Disappoint! (Romans 5:5)

St. Paul's Teaching on Christian Hope

Hope can be seen as a foundational element throughout Paul's letters. In two presentations, Kieran provides an overview of the apostle's teaching on hope, focusing in particular on what we can learn from Romans 8.



KIERAN

SEÁN



The Seed Grows We Know Not How (Mark 4:27)

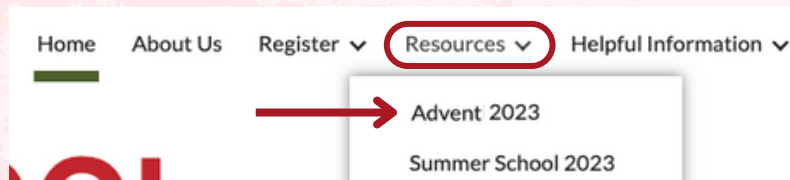
Mark for the New Liturgical Year

For his two presentations, Seán explores what it means to follow Jesus in Mark, focusing on the "seed parables." While the story of Mark could be described by some as dark, it does point us in the direction of hope.

RESOURCES

ACCESSING THE COURSE RESOURCES

As with our previous courses, you will be able to access resources for the Summer School through our website, www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie. Once there, simply navigate to the **Resources Menu** at the top of the page and click on the link to **Advent 2023**. This will bring you to the resources portal for this course where you'll find a button that will allow you to enter your password and access the resources (or if you are reading this PDF on a computer or mobile device, click or tap **here** to go straight to the login page).



You will have received an email containing your password, but should you be unable find it, or have any trouble accessing the resources page, please get in touch through our **email**.

JOINING THE WEBINARS

The webinars take place via Zoom on the dates and times listed on the details page for the course. At the bottom of the resources page for the course, you will also find a countdown timer indicating when the link will go live – the page will be updated at that time and the link displayed as well as emailed out to all participants. You will also see a banner displayed on every page of the website on the day of the webinar that will have a link to the meeting. **Note that in a Zoom Webinar, you will only be able to see the presenters and the presenters will only be able to see each other.** The webinars are recorded and will be published afterwards in the webinars section of the resource page so you'll be able to catch up if you were unable to attend. **Only the sound and video of the presenters are recorded in the webinars.**

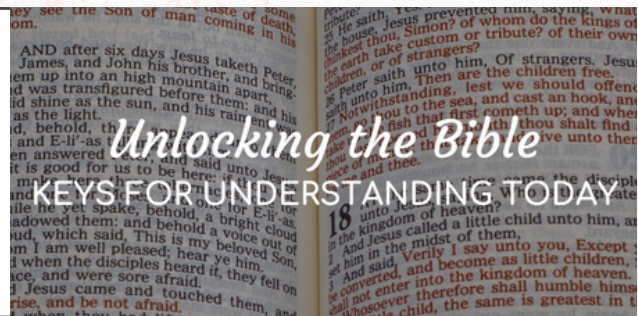
If you have any difficulty accessing the resources, or with joining the live webinars, please let us know and we will do our best to help you as quickly as we can:

help@tarsusscriptureschool.ie.

PREVIOUS COURSES

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

The focus of this year's Scripture Summer School was to offer keys with which to understand, read, and interpret the Bible for life, for change, for liberation, for personal prayer, and for discipleship.



"On the Third Day He Rose, in Accordance with the Scriptures"

ENTERING INTO THE READINGS OF HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

In this series of nine seminars, Kieran, Seán, and Jessie reflect on the readings of the Easter Triduum to help with the preparation of entering into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

EMMANUEL GOD-WITH-US

By means of a series of six reflections you will be led through a short course on Matthew's Gospel by Kieran, Sean and Jessie. Join with us as we explore how it is that the theologian and storyteller Matthew helps these first hearers and now us to get to know Jesus.

Emmanuel God-With-Us ADVENT SCRIPTURE COURSE 2022

For more information and access to these courses (and more!), please visit:

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