



## **The Heavenly Temple**

4<sup>th</sup> in the Advent Series

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**Introduction:** In this final Advent message, we catch a glimpse of the heavenly temple in the New Creation and enjoy feasting together at the Lord's Table in anticipation of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb.

Advent Series Theme: God's plan to be "God with us" is the story that all of Scripture tells, from Genesis to Revelation. God desires to dwell with His people, and that is the goal of Creation, Israel, the Incarnation, and **the New Creation.**

1) The Place Prepared

2) The Kingdom Consummated

3) The Feast is Waiting.

### **Response**

Let your longing hope this Advent season be met by the beauty of the feast that Jesus is preparing for us.

## Sunday Sermon Questions

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- 1) Was there anything throughout this Advent series that you really needed to hear?
- 2) How does the theme of “God With Us” seen throughout all of Scripture connect to Advent?
- 3) How is the Heavenly Temple in the New Creation similar and different from the temple of Eden, Israel’s Tabernacle/Temple, Jesus, and the Church?
- 4) How does the movement of God coming **down** to dwell with us in the New Creation change our view of the afterlife?
- 5) What is an area in your life where you need to hear that God wants to be with you?
- 6) How does it make you feel that Jesus is even now preparing a place for you?
- 7) Why is it beautiful that one of the final images we get of “God With Us” in Scripture is a feast?

**Further study this week:** I encourage you to read through the book of Ephesians this week as we prepare to study it next year, paying careful attention to the imagery of building, the Church as God’s temple, and “God With Us.”