

Apocalypse feels less mythical and more like our present reality. We have prophets crying out that the world as we know it will pass away if we don't respond to the climate crisis.

If the Apocalypse is now, what do we do? How do we respond in an apocalypse? How do we bring and be the Good News to people who cry out as their world is ending? Luke says we need to be on guard and alert. We should try to look up and find God. And where is God? God is in the unlikeliest of places. God is giving hope to those who are totally powerless, God is with those whose worlds have just ended and there we are called to be also. God, peace, hope, love and joy are always seeking a home. So let us watch for the ways we might be caught in God's loving presence. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to accept God in many ways in which Jesus might be made present among us.

Apocalypse is a wild invitation. It is an invitation to stop waiting for some dramatic coming of Jesus but to live in Jesus' world now. Feed people, protest injustice, love with abandon, comfort people, be radically generous, side with the oppressed, care for the marginalised, and take care of the world that God has given us. In the end, God has come and is coming in big and small ways, in neighbours, friends, people you don't expect, and in you.

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1. Loader, W, sourced at <https://biblestudy.com/LkAdvent1.htm> on 8 December 2022