



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: Advent: Recognizing Jesus**  
**Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor**  
**Scriptures: John 1:9-13**

“The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”

*John 1:9-13 NIV*

**Sermon Outline:**

1. Jesus is present - always present | recognizing Jesus.
2. Advent is an opportunity to open ourselves to the Lord.
3. The Examine - learning to recognize Jesus.

**Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday Pastor Rich preaches out of John 1, continuing the Advent season with a discussion about recognizing Jesus.

**Sermon Questions:**

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- How has your family of origin made it easy or difficult for you to face darkness and difficulty to recognize Jesus?
- How is the Father teaching you how to recognize Jesus in the most unlikely places?
- In what ways might the Lord want to remind you that He is always present to you?
- How does it make you feel that Jesus always present with you with his unfailing love?
- How can you use this Advent as an opportunity to become more “awake” to God’s presence?