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**LIFE MESSAGES FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL**

1. We need to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus: We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us ask ourselves; "What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world, and he is not born in my heart and in my life?"

2. We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives. People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart and spirit of humble and committed service.

3. Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and lives.

4. We have to seek God's forgiveness, change our hearts and our ways of life. We have to refocus ourselves back to the Lord, with Him as the centre and focus of our whole attention.

5. Let us all commit ourselves to the path of peace, by refocusing our lives towards the Lord, and not towards our foolish and selfish desires, and our worldly pursuits of glory and power over others.

6. We have to reject these temptations and strive to do our best to be faithful, righteous and just in our every action and deeds, and to seek peace, to be loving to one another, rather than to follow our own selfish-interests. Let us all reflect the Lord's examples, His hope, His peace and His love in our own lives and in our actions.

Therefore, let us all discern carefully how we are going to continue living our lives from now on, with faith. Let us all renew our devotion to God and make best use of this blessed time - the season of Advent.

May the Lord be our Guide and may He strengthen us always in our faith, as well as in our desire to love and serve Him, at all times. May God bless us all, now and forevermore. Amen.

In Christ, Father Macdonald Akuti