



Advent!

Waiting and hoping on Jesus!

Waiting for Jesus arrival!

We wait for the anniversary of the day that Jesus was born as a baby!

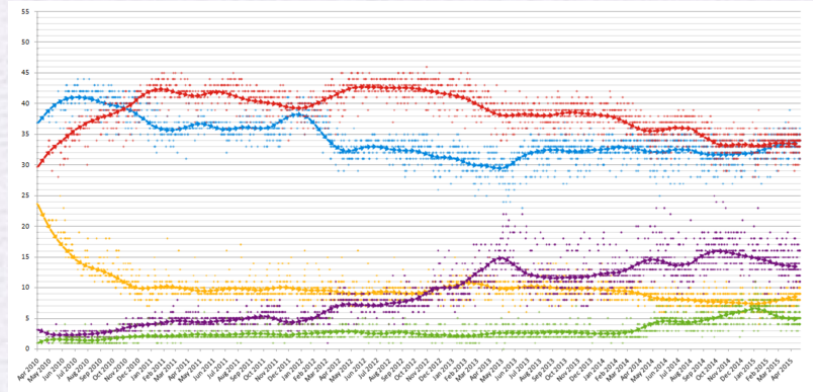
...We also wait for our presents! 😊

We know from experience that Christmas can be really fun and really exciting!

But part of waiting and expecting is the mystery and not seeing fully what we are waiting for!

Great Expectations!

- Opinion polls.. ?



- Expectations aren't always right!
- Sometimes we can expect something that doesn't happen, or it turns out to have implications we never thought of!

How to be sure!

- People really like surprises! But we really really really like knowing nothing bad will happen to us!



- But how can we be sure!....



Nicodemus..



Wondering and hesitating!

- Who is this Guy?
 - He turns water into wine! Trashes money changer's businesses, and claims he can build massive buildings in 3 days!
 - Nicodemus is an educated man, a priest and he knows Jesus is no nutter!
 - He is interested in what Jesus says! He Knows he comes from God.. And he should know!

Jesus then says!

- Born again! Come back mum!!
- Born of water and the spirit!
- Born of the flesh and born of the spirit.
 - (Ez 26.25-7)
- It reminds us that we can't control the Spirit, but we can choose to go with it!



Jesus is Great!

- Jesus is great and he is our Saviour, friend and God!
- Nicodemus knew (like many today) that he was special – from God!
- But how did you follow him and should you!?

Today!

- What is our response?
- Interested? Believing? Trusting? Happy in his Spirit?
- The Spirit! We let God fill us!
- Scary! But maybe not if we really trust God!

Trusting God!

- The Spirit sounds both exciting and scary!
- But the next verses are about Jesus being “lifted up”..
- John 3.16