

*What It Means To Be A Christian* by Joseph Ratzinger

An Advent Series: Part One – ARE WE SAVED? Or, Job Talks with God

**Journal Questions:**

1. What struck you most about the podcast episode?
2. How do you experience Advent as your “present reality?”
3. Do you experience God as “hidden?”
4. What struck you most about this sermon?

**Quote to ponder:**

*But a faith that will not account for half of the facts or even more is actually, in essence, a kind of refusal of faith, or, at least, a very profound form of skepticism that fears faith will not be big enough to cope with reality. It dares not accept the fact that faith is the power that overcomes the world. In contrast to that, true believing means looking the whole of reality in the face, unafraid and with an open heart, even if it goes against the picture of faith that, for whatever reason, we make for ourselves.” -Page 19*

**For extra fun:** Under the Harvest Moon by Carl Sandburg

*Under the harvest moon,*

*Under the summer roses*

*When the soft silver*

*When the flagrant crimson*

*Drips shimmering*

*Lurks in the dusk*

*Over the garden nights,*

*Of the wild red leaves,*

*Death, the gray mocker,*

*Love, with little hands,*

*Comes and whispers to you*

*Comes and touches you*

*As a beautiful friend*

*With a thousand memories,*

*Who remembers.*

*And asks you*

*Beautiful, unanswerable questions.*