

**Carols of Christmas**  
Week Two  
*"O Come All Ye Faithful*  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
*For His Glory and our joy!*

Message Notes:

**Introduction** – *"Favorite Christmas Special?"*

*Clausometer – Christmas Spirit: where does it come from?*

This week's message:  
***O Come All Ye Faithful***  
Luke 2:1-19

**Why do we always use Luke at Christmas time?**

Malachi 4:2  
*The dawn is coming*

**The Background of Jesus' birth**  
Luke 2:1-3

**The Journey**  
Luke 2:4-5

**The Birth of the Savior of the World**  
Luke 2:6-7

**The First Responders**  
*Let's meet the shepherds*  
Luke 2:8-12

*Let's meet the partying angels*  
Luke 2:13-14

*Let's Go!!*  
Luke 2:15

## **Mary's response to all this**

Ponder and Treasure

O Come All Ye Faithful

**Gospel Application:** How will you ponder and treasure Jesus this Christmas?

### Scripture Passages

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The one who asked Job, “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand ... when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness” (Job 38:4, 9) now himself lay wrapped in swaddling clothes. The wonder of the Incarnation! The omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient God became a baby!

~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1998), pages 84–85.

## **O Come All Ye Faithful**

1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

### Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,

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O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

2

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" [Refrain]

3

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]











**Today's Message:**  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
Luke 2:1-19

**Facts we learn about the birth of Jesus from  
Mark:**

**Facts we learn about the birth of Jesus from  
John:**

Facts we learn about the birth of Jesus from  
**Rest of New Testament:**

# Facts we learn about the birth of Jesus from Matthew:

- Mary and Joseph are to be married soon
  - Mary is a virgin, but pregnant
- Joseph found out about Mary's condition, and was going to divorce her quietly
- Angel intervenes, Joseph goes ahead and stays with her
  - Jesus born in Bethlehm
    - Visited by Magi
    - Herod tries to kill Jesus
  - Death of "Bethlehem brothers"

# Facts we learn about the birth of Jesus from Luke:

- Zechariah and Elizabeth are to be parents of John the Baptist
- Zechariah doesn't believe it - silent!
  - Mary is visited by an angel to announce her virgin pregnancy
  - Fulfills a whole bunch of OT prophecies
    - Mary does believe it
    - Mary visits Elizabeth
    - J the B leaps with joy
    - Mary rejoices in song
    - Zechariah rejoices in song
- Why Jesus was born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth
- Humble birth (manger, no room)
  - Shepherds get to hear first
- Presentation of Jesus at Temple
  - Simeon's response to Jesus
  - Simeon's prophecy about Jesus
  - Simeon's blessing to Mary
    - Mary/Joseph's response
  - Anna's prophecy about Jesus
    - The return to Nazareth
- The young Jesus (temple, growth)

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Jerusalem

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**FRANCESCO DI GIORGIO MARTINI**  
*Nativity*, c. 1465 Panel, 23 x 22 cm  
Art Association Galleries, Atlanta



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# O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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2. God of God, Light of Light;  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be -  
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

hold him born the King of an - gels;  
God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a -  
God in the high - est;  
Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

# Christmas Application:

*How will you  
Ponder and Treasure Jesus  
this Christmas*