

Come and Behold Him

A Musical
for Christmas

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

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“CHRISTMAS ANGELS”

with **“JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME”**

There are angels everywhere in the Christmas story. They appear one at a time and also in great numbers.

Read about one singular angelic appearance in Luke 1:11-20. Who is this angel, and to whom is the angel speaking?

The second appearance is to whom? Find the answer in Luke 1:26-38.

Pray that God’s voice will be clear to you, and that your heart will be ready to receive His Word.

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

with **“ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”**

Another heavenly appearance is recorded in Matthew 1:20-24.

To whom is this angelic message given?

Read Luke 2:8-15. How is this visitation from angels different from the others? How are they the same? Is there a similar message in all of these accounts?

A visit from an angel can be a frightening experience, it seems, but Jesus addresses fear near the end of His life on earth.

Read John 14:1-4. What assurance does He give to His disciples and to us?

Pray for faith that dispels fear.

“WHO COMES THIS NIGHT?”

In *Yuletide Blessings: Christmas Stories that Warm the Heart*, I explore the mystery of some of those who came to behold the newborn King.

“They appeared out of nowhere and then disappeared into thin air. With the lack of facts about who they were and why they were a part of the scene surrounding the birth of Christ, many legends have grown through the centuries about the enigmatic wise men (also called Magi).”¹

Read Matthew 2:1-12. This is all the Bible tells us about the travelers we call wise men. Though we are not sure where they came from, we know why they were there. Read verse 11 again to find the answer.

“This Christmas intentionally begin your journey to seek Christ in everything you do and let the journey take you to a place of worship. Don’t let the trappings detour you. Bow down and lay your most precious gifts before Him.”²

“IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE”

I wrote some new lyrics to this great old hymn that speaks of Jesus being “God in flesh.”

Read the second verse, and then read Isaiah 7:14. Now read Matthew 1:23. What does the idea of Immanuel mean to you today?

Read the third verse, and then read Matthew 27:45-53. How has God revealed Himself to us? How has He made Himself known to you?

Pray that the immortal, invisible God’s revelation will be glorious.

1. Nan Corbitt Allen, *Yuletide Blessings: Christmas Stories that Warm the Heart* (Nashville: B & H Publishing Group, 2013), 25.

2. *Ibid.*, 31.

“I HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT”

Read John 20:19-29. We often think of Thomas as the doubter; however, he simply wanted proof of Jesus' resurrection. Notice what Jesus says to Thomas in verse 29. How does this relate to us today?

God's revelation to us can be just as real as Thomas'. Notice what Thomas does and says in verse 28. This is the first time Jesus is called Lord, referring to Jesus being "God with us." Thomas seemed to be the first to understand this.

How has God revealed to you that Jesus is truly His Son? Did you need physical proof, or did you accept it by faith?

Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and receive the gift of faith and grace that leads to salvation.

“BOW THE KNEE”

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What does this say about trusting God's direction? Do you need to understand His ways to trust His heart?

In Micah 6:6-8, the prophet is speaking for God to the people. What does God require of us in obedience to Him? How do we respond to Him in obedience?

“COME AND SEE”

Read Isaiah 64:4. This same passage is quoted by Paul in I Corinthians 2:9. Why do you think Paul repeats Isaiah's words to the church in Corinth?

What a promise that we can see the deep things of God right now!

Pray. Come and see that God is good, and that He has prepared some amazing things for you!