



**Hark the Herald Angels Sing:
Experiencing the Real Jesus this Christmas**
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“That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.’” - Luke 2:8-10

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth

(c. 1739 poem by Charles Wesley; converted to song form in 1753 by George Whitefield)

Hark: to pay close attention.

How to Experience Jesus this Christmas

- **I Pay Close Attention to Jesus as God Becoming Man.**

“The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” - Luke 2:11-12

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ‘Well,’ they replied, ‘some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.’ Then he asked them, ‘But who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’” - Matthew 16:13-16

- **I Pay Close Attention to the Peace that Jesus Brings into My Life.**

“Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.’” - Luke 2:13-14

(Jesus) “I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” - John 14:27

- **I Pay Close Attention to the Eternal Life that Jesus Offers Me.**

Memory Verse:

(Jesus) “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” - John 3:16-17

“When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’” - Luke 2:15

Join us next Sun, Dec 18 as we continue the “**Christmas Carols**” teaching series with *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day: Finding Real Peace*. Invite your friends and family and join us in-person at 11am at the AMC Empire 25 Theater in Times Square or for church online at 9am, 11am, & 1pm (plus additional online service times including Saturdays at 5pm or 7pm).

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My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Memorize John 3:16-17.
- ☐ Become a follower of Jesus by accepting Him as my Lord and Savior for the first time.
- ☐ Invite a friend to join me next Sunday, December 18 at 11am for The Journey’s special Christmas Communion Service (final in-person service of the year).
- ☐ Receive info on attending the special Walk Thru the Bible New Testament Seminar (identical seminars – pick only one):
 - ☐ Sat, Jan 28 from 9:30am- 12:30pm
 - ☐ Sun, Jan 29 from 1:00-4:00pm

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