

December 5, 2021
Theology of the Carols
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! A great word that is not used much anymore. The purpose of hark is to draw our attention to what is about to be said. Hark, pay attention, to what I am about to say. This hymn was written for us to pay attention to the birth that is announced by the angels. It is the birth of the newborn king. That truth is so important that when originally written by Charles Wesley, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing was 16 stanzas long! That is how monumentally important it is that nearly 2,000 years ago the King of Glory left heaven to dwell among men.

Outline:

1. Pay attention to who the baby is.
2. Pay attention to why He laid His glory by.
3. Pay attention to the exchange He offers.

Additional Verses:

John 3:1-16
1 Corinthians 15:22-49
Philippians 2:6-8
Hebrews 4

To read the original verses:

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/ecco/004800840.0001.000/1:5.65?rgn=div2;view=fulltext>

Study Questions:

1. Read Hebrews 4:15. What weakness can Jesus sympathize with you? How does the fact that Jesus can sympathize with you, give you victory over your weakness?
2. Why is it important that Jesus was fully man? Philippians 2:8 says Jesus came as a “servant.” How did He serve?
3. Why is Jesus called the second Adam? Why is it important that Jesus is the second Adam?
4. How do you need to pay attention to Jesus this Christmas?
5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?