

December 19, 2021
Theology of the Carols
O Come, All Ye Faithful

“O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant” is the opening verse of the hymn. It is a cause for celebration and excitement. Yet, when you look around at the birth narrative does you see throngs of faithful streaming to the manger? If you look closely, you might notice more who are faithless rather than faithful. Isn't that the message of Christmas, an invitation for the faithless to come be part of the faithful? Yes, it is. Jesus came to call the faithless to Him, so they can they can then worship Him with joy and triumph.

Outline:

1. Christmas is an invitation for people to come to Jesus.
2. Christmas is an occasion for people to adore Jesus.

Additional Verses:

Luke 2:1-34

To read the original verses:

https://hymnary.org/text/o_come_all_ye_faithful_joyful_and_triump

Study Questions:

1. How does Christmas make you feel? Faith, fretful, etc. Why?
2. Why do Jesus spend so much time with the faithless?
3. What I the message for the faithless today? How does Christmas contribute to that message?
4. Do you think your attitude toward Jesus and worship would change if you literally bowed down before Him? Try it and see.
5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?