

Year-end giving



Favorite

Christmas Songs





BORN IS THE KING



THE FIRST
NOEL



O Come
All Ye
Faithful



Silent Night



O Holy Night

The First Noel

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The first Noel the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,

Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest

O'er Bethlehem it took its rest

And there it did both stop and stay

Right o'er the place where Jesus lay

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three
Fell reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heavenly Lord

That hath made heaven and earth of nought

And with his blood mankind has bought

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel!



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A short history



THE FIRST

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OH WELL!

Matthew 2:1-12

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-12

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:1-12

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

We must accept the essential spiritual fact of the Incarnation and the gospel: the Lord comes to *needy* people — those who realize that without him they cannot make it — those who acknowledge their weakness and spiritual lack. The Incarnation, salvation, resurrection, *Christmas* are not for the proud and self-sufficient.

~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1998), 30.

Matthew 2:1-12

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Mystery and Beauty of the Incarnation

The really staggering Christian claim is that Jesus of Nazareth was God made man...and that He took humanity without loss of deity, so that Jesus of Nazareth was as truly and fully divine as He was human...It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. 'The Word was made flesh' (John 1:14); God became man; the divine Son...

The Mystery and Beauty of the Incarnation

...became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. And there was no illusion or deception in this: the babyhood of the Son of God was a reality. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is this truth of the incarnation.

Come, and Stand Amazed

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The Incarnation, salvation, resurrection, *Christmas* are not for the proud and self-sufficient.

Will you come and
stand amazed?