

# O Come O Come Emmanuel: Israel, Jesus, and the Gospel

How Christmas Carols link Vacation Bible School and Wendy's

Don't worry, this doesn't mean you'll have to sing aloud:

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

9th Century Latin, translated by J. M. Neale

*♩ = 115*

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra -  
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Si - raï's  
3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's tyr - an -  
4. O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy draw - ing  
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And op - en wide our heav - enly

- el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un - til the Son of  
height, In an - cient times didst give the law In cloud and maj - es -  
- ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And give them vic - tory  
nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And death's dark sha - dows  
home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to

*Refrain*

God ap - pear.  
- ty and awe. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
over the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
put to flight.  
mis - cr - y.

6. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who orderest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

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## Quotes and Notes

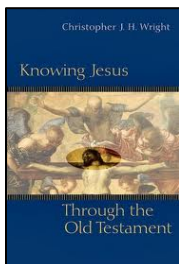
### Irenaeus (115-202)

3. Now if any man set Luke aside, as one who did not know the truth, he will, [by so acting,] manifestly reject that Gospel of which he claims to be a disciple. For through him we have become acquainted with very many and important parts of the Gospel; for instance, the generation of John, the history of Zacharias, the coming of the angel to Mary, the exclamation of Elisabeth, the descent of the angels to the shepherds, the words spoken by them, the testimony of Anna and of Simeon with regard to Christ, and that twelve years of age He was left behind at Jerusalem; also the baptism of John, the number of the Lord's years when He was baptized, and that this occurred in the fifteenth year of Tiberius Cæsar. ... If Paul had known any mysteries unrevealed to the other apostles, Luke, his constant companion and fellow-traveller, could not have been ignorant of them; neither could the truth have possibly lain hid from him, through whom alone we learn many and most important particulars of the Gospel history.

### Preaching the Gospel in Acts

Acts 2.14-39, Acts 3.12-26, Acts 4.8-12, (Acts 7.2-53), Acts 10.34-43, Acts 11.4-18, Acts 13.16-41, Acts 14.15-17, Acts 17.22-31

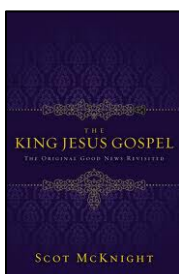
Jesus	
East	
West	
Baptism	
Temptation	
Disciples	
Body & Blood	



### Books for Reading More

**Wright, Christopher J.H.** *Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament*. Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

A perfect walk through of how the story of Jesus is 100% connected to the stories of the Old Testament. I didn't find this one until after I started writing this workshop for IGNITE, and laughed to discover that he starts with Christmas Carols too! Chris Wright is Irish, and is a well known expert in Old Testament studies who has written over 20 books. He currently serves as a director in a ministry started by John Stott.



**McKnight, Scot.** *The King Jesus Gospel: The Original Good News Revisited*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011.

Professor Scot McKnight is an expert on Jesus and the New Testament and was my academic mentor in seminary in Chicago. Some (a little bit!) of my research made it into this book, so that was exciting for me, and probably makes me biased. ☺ This book is aimed at pastors but anyone can understand with a little help. Forward by NT Wright and Dallas Willard. It helps to understand that there has been an active discussion among evangelical scholars about what the "gospel" means: Scot is speaking to this.