**Go Tell It On The Mountain**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth,

rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born;

And God sent us salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day;

I asked the Lord to help me, And He showed me the way.

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

**Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You.

 So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You’re my God.

And You’re altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the Earth You created, All for love’s sake became poor.

 So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You’re my God.

And You’re altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me.

And I’ll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.

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 So, here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You’re my God.

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You're wonderful to me.

**The Light of the World is Jesus**

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin

The Light of the world is Jesus;

Like sunshine at noonday His glory shone in

The Light of the world is Jesus.

***Chorus: Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee!***

***Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;***

***Once I was blind, but now I can see***

***The Light of the world is Jesus.***

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide

The Light of the world is Jesus;

We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide

The Light of the World is Jesus.

chorus

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes

The Light of the world is Jesus;

Go wash at His bidding and light will arise

The Light of the world is Jesus.

chorus

No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're told

The Light of that world is Jesus;

The Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold

The Light of that world is Jesus.

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee!

Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;

Once I was blind, but now I can see

The Light of the world is Jesus.

The Light of the world is Jesus.

**Seeing the Light**

John 12:37-50 37 Though He had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been

revealed?” 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah

said, 40 “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest

they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and

turn, and I would heal them.” 41 Isaiah said these things because

he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of

the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they

did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the

synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more

than the glory that comes from God. 44 **And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me**. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

The Wise Men saw the star and followed it to Bethlehem. You

could say that they ‘saw the light.’ There were many who also

saw it but did not follow. Christ said, ‘I have come into the world

as a light,’ and He explained how some respond and some don’t –

and why.

1. REVELATION – ‘I have come as a light’

- Life and light - John 1: 4-9

o In the beginning was the Word

o In Him was life – inanimate, animate

o That life was the light of men

 Intelligence

 Moral sensitivity

 Spirituality

- Death and darkness

o Life and light sustained by loving obedience

[Gen 2: 16-17]

o Death and darkness entered because of

independent disobedience

o Darkness

 Intelligence without faith

 Moral sensitivity without truth

 Spirituality without life

- Light and darkness

o Believe or disbelieve [John 12:44]

o Trust or distrust [v. 36]

o Follow or wallow [8:12]

2. REACTION – ‘WHO HAS BELIEVED?’

- Those who saw but would not believe [12:37]

o Saw signs without accepting significance

o Saw light but preferred darkness [3: 19-21]

o Would not believe until they could not [12:

39-40]

- Those who believed but would not confess [vv 42-

43]

o The perils of position, power, and prestige

o The prospect of judgment based on truth

ignored [vv. 47-48]

- Those who believed and followed [John 9]

3. RELEVANCE – “You are the light of the world”

[Matt 5:14]

- Let your light shine

- Don’t hide it

- Live for the Father’s glory