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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Jesus Rejected At Nazareth:

Mar 6:1 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him.

Mar 6:2 And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!"

Mar 6:3 Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, James, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

Mar 6:4 But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house."

Mar 6:5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Mar 6:6 And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

Sending Out The Twelve:

Mar 6:7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send (apostello) them out two by two, and gave them power (not dunamis – exousias the royal right- also later given to the antichrist) over unclean spirits.

Mar 6:8 He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts—

Mar 6:9 but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

Mar 6:10 Also He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place."

vs. 1-3 This is not an insight acknowledging Jesus' unique birth. Rather, it is an insult, for in that culture one was always identified as the son of his father, whether his father was living or dead. In this case, even if Joseph were indeed dead, as most Biblical scholars believe, Jesus would nonetheless be identified as being his son. But by calling Him **the son of Mary**, Jesus' countrymen were saying, "We do not even know who his father is," thereby accusing Him of being illegitimate. **It was imperative that Jesus be born of a virgin.** Therefore, the fact that Jesus, being conceived supernaturally without a human father, and developing in the womb without drawing blood from His mother meant that **His blood, unlike any other blood in human history, was free from human pollution of any kind—and was, therefore able to cleanse our sin.** Note this is against the dogma of the Catholic Church - the **perpetual virginity of Mary**. Other dogmas of Mary include: **the mediation ministry of Mary; the perpetual virginity of Mary, the sinlessness of Mary and the assumption of Mary into heaven.**

v. 4 These people saying, "We don't see anything so special about Jesus. He's just the carpenter, and we know his mother, brothers, and sisters," showed their ignorance concerning Him. We are in danger of making the same mistake if we take for granted His proximity to us. Yes, He lives inside us. Yes, He will never leave nor forsake us. Yes, He is always available to us—but He is God nonetheless. And, as God, He has the right to our time, money, abilities, energy, life, and heart. He deserves our utmost respect and devotion, submission and reverence.

v. 5 Mark doesn't say Jesus should do no mighty work, but that **He could do no mighty work because of their unbelief.** Why? **Because the Lord has placed Himself in a partnering position with us** in order to prepare us for the next billion years when we will rule and reign with Him.

v. 6 Scriptures record Jesus **marveling on only two occasions.** One is here—when He marveled at the unbelief of the Jews. The other is in Luke 7 and Matthew 9, when He marveled at the belief of a Gentile centurion. **Does He marvel at our unbelief, saying, "Oh, there is so much more I could do if you would just believe and partner with Me in faith"?**

v. 7 Why did Jesus send His disciples out two by two? Perhaps it's because, as we've experienced, faith becomes bolder when ministering with someone else. But more likely, it's because one of the principles of the law was that **in the mouth of two witnesses, every word would be established (Deuteronomy 19:15).**

v. 8 The connection between **power and simplicity is undeniable.** Jesus gave His disciples power as He sent them out in simplicity.

v. 9 "Travel light," Jesus said because the urgency and nature of what His disciples were to do **required that they move about freely and simply.**

v. 10 In other words, "When you go into a house, stay there until you leave the town. Don't look around for better accommodations."

v. 11 "Their sin shall remain upon those who don't receive you," Jesus said, "upon those who fail to respond to your message of

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*Chapter 6 - As we come to Mark 6, we see the unfolding of unbelief: in Jesus' acquaintances (*verses 1–6*); in His adversaries (*verses 14–28*); and even in His own disciples (*verses 35–37*).*

UNBELIEF! vs. 5-6 "Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. [6] And He marveled because of their unbelief."

It was not that their **lack of faith** hindered His power. God can work sovereignly by His power and it wasn't that their lack of faith **hindered or restricted His power** to do works. **It was their unbelief kept them from coming to Jesus to receive His help.** How many people there in Nazareth could have been helped if they had only had the faith to come to Jesus. If they had only had the faith to bring them to Jesus. They could have seen some marvelous works but their unbelief kept them from Him. **Even today, unbelief keeps people from seeing the marvelous work of God in their lives that they could experience and they could know if they would only come to Jesus.**

Now Jesus marveled because of their unbelief (6:6). He marveled – (thaumazo) to wonder at something - at their unbelief.

Unbelief is oftentimes a rather marvelous thing not in a good sense, but in an interesting sense, a sense of wonder. Why??? Marvel. How is it that a person doesn't believe? **What is it that keeps a person from believing? When there is so much to be gained by believing in Jesus, why would a person not believe? With all of the evidence there is, the witness of the thousands upon thousands of people whose lives have been transformed by the power of Jesus Christ, how is it that people still don't believe?** How is it that people are so opposed to Jesus that they want to destroy Him? Either they are passionately in love with Him or they have very strong negative attitudes towards Him. He marveled at their unbelief. **Mat 8:10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"**

Numbers chapters 14-15 - (15:1-2), And the Lord spoke to Moses saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When you have come into the land that you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you. This is really special, in that they have just been turned away from the land. They have just been told that they are going to have to wait for forty years. Their unbelief in God has denied them access into the promised land. They've just been consigned by God to forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

APPLICATION: What is your level of unbelief? What have you missed or are you missing because of unbelief? Is unbelief keeping you from Jesus?

Vs. 8-9 – travel lightly! - APPLICATION – When given a task by the Lord, how much do you/will you totally trust in Him for all provision and all things needed?

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Mar 6:11 And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Mar 6:12 So they went out and preached that people should repent. (metanoeo – turn around and change)

Mar 6:13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

John The Baptist Beheaded:

Mar 6:14 Now King Herod (Antipas) heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

Mar 6:15 Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."

Mar 6:16 But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!"

Mar 6:17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

Mar 6:18 Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

Mar 6:19 Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;

Mar 6:20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

INTERPRETATION

vs. 12-13 This is the only reference in the Gospels to the practice of anointing with oil, which James will later talk about in his epistle. Throughout the Bible, oil is an emblem of the Holy Spirit, so when one is anointed with oil, it symbolizes his placing himself in submission to the work of the Spirit in his life.

v. 14 I think Herod was hoping that John the Baptist was risen from the dead. He really felt badly over the execution of John.

v. 15 Why would King Herod Antipas think that Jesus was John the Baptist? Josephus tells us that, being second cousins, Jesus and John the Baptist had a remarkable physical resemblance. But more likely, it was because Herod's conscience was haunting him.

vs. 16-17 Herod Antipas was one of the three sons of Herod the Great—the Herod who, following Jesus' birth, had ordered the deaths of all males less than two years of age. Herod Antipas took his brother Philip's wife—a union that John the Baptist had denounced as immoral. I believe had Herod called for Jesus at this time, he would have found Jesus to be exactly who He is to this day: meek and lowly in heart (Matthew 11:29), the Friend of Sinners.

vs. 18-20 Realizing John was a man unlike himself—a man of integrity—Herod respected John the Baptist. Yet his wife, Herodias, was incensed by His insistence that Herod's marriage to her was unlawful. She was so angry with him because of his preaching and all that she wanted to kill him. But she couldn't. **John the Baptist believed that public officials should be accountable for their private lives. , Today he would be called politically incorrect!!**

APPLICATION

v. 11 - shake off the dust under your feet - What is the main application for us here? - That not all will be interested in the gospel!
vs. 17-19 – Application: How to you respond to personal correction?

Background of King Herod the Great when you get into this Herodian family, you get into a real mess. I mean, it's so hard to sort things out. It all started with this guy, Herod the great. But the problem was, he had at least nine wives and he was a paranoid little guy. And he was fearful that his sons were plotting against him. He killed so many of his sons that they had a common saying, **It's safer to be a pig than the son of Herod.** One of his wives that is probably one of the best known, because he seemed to genuinely love her, she bore him two sons, one whose name was Aristobulus. But he thought that Aristobulus and his brother, along with their mother, Miriam, were plotting against him so he had them killed. And then he had remorse and he built a beautiful tower for Miriam there at the Joppa gate in Jerusalem. But Aristobulus, the son of Herod by Miriam, who was called the Hasmonean because he married another Miriam, like the name, I guess, Aristobulus before he was killed by his father, had a daughter whose name was Herodias. This other Miriam who was called the Bethusian, she had a son whose name was Herod Philip. Herod Philip didn't care for ruling and so he moved to Rome and lived in a palatial home and was in the social scene in Rome. **But Herod Philip married his niece, Herodias.** Herod the Great had another wife named Malthace. She had a son that they called Herod Antipas. **Herod Antipas went to Rome to visit his half-brother, Herod Philip. There he seduced his niece, and would be sister-in-law, Herodias, to leave Herod Philip and to come back to the land with him to be his wife. And so he took and seduced Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and she came back with him, having really the ambitions of being the first lady of the territory.** While she was married to Herod Philip, she had a daughter named Salome who came back with her to live there in Tiberias at the sea of Galilee. Herod the Great, back to the originator of all this, had another wife whose name was Cleopatra, he had another wife named Doris and her son he killed too, and he felt he was conspiring against him, but he had another wife named Cleopatra and she was called Cleopatra of Jerusalem to distinguish her from the Cleopatra of Egyptian theme. And she had a son called Philip the tetrarch. And he married Salome who was his niece and his grandniece both at the same time. So the whole thing gets so twisted and intertwined. So now as we read the story, maybe we can put a few things in our minds together. **King Herod, that is, Herod Antipas who had gone to Rome and seduced his sister-in-law who was also his niece, it's one of those things I'm my own grandpa or something, when King Herod heard of Jesus; evidently, as the apostles were going out and doing the miracles, word came back to Herod of this movement in his territory. He was the tetrarch of the Galilee region.**

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Mar 6:21 Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee.

Mar 6:22 And when Herodias' daughter (probably a teenager) herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you."

Mar 6:23 He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom."

Mar 6:24 So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

Mar 6:25 Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

Mar 6:26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths (his pride's sake) and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her.

Mar 6:27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison,

Mar 6:28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

Mar 6:29 When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

Feeding The Five Thousand:

Mar 6:30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

Mar 6:31 And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

Mar 6:32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

Mar 6:33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him.

Mar 6:34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

Mar 6:35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.

v. 21-29 Herod was “exceeding sorry” to have to kill John the Baptist. Yet kill him he did because he was put on the spot at a party where wine and oaths flowed freely. Stay away from such places, dear people. You’ll regret it if you don’t because there’s always a price to pay. Demands will be made. Peer pressure will mount. Things will happen you’ll wish hadn’t. Ask Herod. Historians tell us he was haunted all the days of his life by what he had done to John the Baptist. Primarily a Gentile feast, as the Jews didn’t really celebrate birthdays much.

vs. 30-31 Jesus models something that a lot of us are discovering. That is, if we don’t come apart, we’ll fall apart. There’s an ebb and flow in ministry in which times of service alternate with times of quietness and solitude, prayer, and contemplation. We need to come apart daily and have a quiet, quality time with the Lord. We need to come apart weekly for a Sabbath rest in Him.

Note the differences between the feast at the Herod fortress and the feast of the five thousand!

vs. 32-34 As the true Shepherd, Jesus felt compassion for the sheep who were wandering and hurting; those in need of a Word from Him to set their lives and hearts in order.

v. 35 The disciples’ heart was, “Send them away. We’re weary.” Jesus’ heart is, “Come unto Me, all ye who are weary.” I relate to the disciples—but I long to be more like Jesus.

Vs. 32-34 Application: When you’re tired from serving the Lord and move to get away from the crowds, **what would have been your reaction** to being met by a great multitude of 15,000 people or so? **Moved to compassion? Does Jesus ever take a rest from mercy and compassion?**

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Mar 6:36 Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.

Mar 6:37 But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

Mar 6:38 But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."

Mar 6:39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

Mar 6:40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

Mar 6:41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke (kept breaking!) the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.

Mar 6:42 So they all ate and were filled (glutted, gorged).

Mar 6:43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish.

Mar 6:44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

Jesus Walks On The Sea:

Mar 6:45 Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away.

Mar 6:46 And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray.

Mar 6:47 Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land.

Mar 6:48 Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch (3-6am; about 9 hrs. of rowing) of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

INTERPRETATION

v. 37 “You saw the need. You meet the need,” Jesus said, wanting to partner with them in faith. **He’s teaching them! They will need to know about who to look to for provision!**

v. 38-41 “I can’t do that,” we say. “I don’t have those kinds of gifts or money.” We have all the reasons why nothing can be done. Jesus, however, **takes no regard for what we lack. Rather He asks what we have.** Blessing and breaking always precede true feeding. The Father must allow our lives to be blessed and broken, blessed and broken, blessed and broken before he can use us to nourish anyone else.

vs. 41b-44...and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men. So much food did Jesus provide that the Greek word translated “filled” literally means “glutted.” John gives us further insight when he says that, following the feeding of the five thousand, some of the men tried to take Jesus by force to make Him king (John 6:15). But their priority was wrong. They saw Jesus as being the king of the material in a physical kingdom. Jesus, however, departed from them because His kingdom is spiritual and eternal. How easily we make this same mistake. Being so caught up in what is happening presently rather than seeing the big picture eternally, we want the Lord to comfort us now, to provide for us now, to heal us now. While the Lord is indeed a Comforter, a Provider, a Healer, those are not His highest priorities. The priority of God is not our present comfort, but our eternal state. Therefore, He will allow us to suffer presently—be it physically, emotionally, or financially—if that is what it takes to enrich us eternally.

vs. 45-48 Jesus sent His disciples into the sea, where He knew a storm would be brewing. And such is the way He works with us today. He blesses us and then allows us to go into the midst of a storm. Why? Because He knows that storms will inevitably come into each of our lives without exception. And were we not seasoned veterans of the storm, we would be blown away. Even as five thousand men were fed on the hillside of Galilee, five thousand would be saved in the city of Jerusalem (Acts 3-4). But what happened immediately after the five thousand were saved? A storm of fierce persecution arose. Knowing this, Jesus sent them into the storm in Mark 6 in order to develop the faith necessary to keep them from being blown away in Acts 5. **Jesus gives us storms of perfection for our benefit! This is storm, not 101, where He is with them, but here, like for us, it’s where He’s not physically with us!**

APPLICATION

Vs. 36 & 37 Application – When called to minister to a crowd, **what do you say? “Send them away”**

Vs. 36 & 37 Application – When you think you don’t have what the outreach or ministry will require, **what do you look to?** Note Jesus doesn’t ask what they need, **but what they have!** Can you relate to that? **Five English muffins and two sardines for 5,000 men! Bring them to Me!**

Vs. 42 & 43 – As the twelve walked up to Jesus with their 12 baskets full of left overs, do you think they ended up experiences more or less rest, than they would have had, if the 10-15,000 had been sent away? **Application: How refreshing do you find, when you serve the Lord?**

v. 46 The strength that comes through fellowship with the Lord! It is interesting that this has been a heavy day. A day of ministry, a day of pressure, crowds of people not giving them the rest that they had come to seek. And Jesus, giving of Himself, ministering to the people until the evening hours, and then this marvelous miracle of taking the five loaves and the two fish, and with them feeding the multitudes. And now He sends the disciples, He said, Go on across the sea and He dismisses the people, and then what does He do to refresh Himself and to gather strength? **He goes up into the mountain to spend time with the Father. The strength that comes through fellowship with God. The strength that comes through waiting upon God.** There’s such tremendous strength in time spent with the Lord in prayer. Tremendous strength.

Application: If you have problem with insomnia, **be thankful and use the time to pray.** Because you don’t have to sleep, you can be just as refreshed and strengthened in prayer as you can in sleeping.

v. 48 It’s interesting that they were toiling, they were going through hardship, they were trying to row against the seas because they were obeying the command of Jesus. Now the easy thing to do and the wisest thing to do in a situation like that is rather than just labor out there, trying to row against the seas, is to just turn around and go with the seas. Come on back, land and get over there the next day. But it was because they were seeking to obey the command of Christ, they were finding themselves in trouble, having hardship, trying to go against the seas. It is interesting that the Lord doesn’t always direct us into the easy, soft places. **But in following the command of the Lord, we oftentimes find ourselves going against the current. We find ourselves in hard places as we seek to obey the Lord. Cf. Heb. 7:v25**
Application: Which are you safer in? -- a terrible storm **with the Lord** or during a calm/prosperity, **without the Lord?** What has your experience been with storms of perfection? When did you know you were at your destination?

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*Mar 6:49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and **cried out**;*

Mar 6:50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

*Mar 6:51 Then He **went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. (immediately translated to shore)***

Mar 6:52 For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

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Mar 6:53 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there.

Mar 6:54 And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him,

Mar 6:55 ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was.

*Mar 6:56 Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, **they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.***

INTERPRETATION

v. 49-50a We know from the other Gospel accounts that Peter said, “Lord, if it’s You, bid me come”—to which Jesus did indeed bid Peter to come to Him, and Peter walked on water. Why isn’t that incident mentioned in this account? Because if Mark’s Gospel is indeed comprised of Peter’s account given to John Mark, perhaps Peter didn’t want to draw unnecessary attention to himself

v. 50 Notice the order. Before Jesus identified Himself, He said, “Be of good cheer.” That’s always the way it is. We say, “Lord, if I can see You, I’ll be of good cheer.” Jesus, however, says, “In faith, be of good cheer first—and then you’ll see Me.”

v. 52 *had not understood* - They did not remember or call to mind the “power” which Jesus had shown in feeding the five thousand by a miracle, and that, having done that, he had power also to save them from the storm. ***Their heart was hardened*** - Their “mind” was dull to perceive it. This does not mean that they were “opposed” to Jesus, or that they had what we denominate “hardness of heart,” but simply that they were slow to perceive his power. They did not quickly learn, as they ought to have done, that he had all power, and could therefore allay the storm. The word “heart” is frequently used in this sense

vs. 51-56 In simple faith and in need of a miracle, the needy ones simply touched Jesus. And as a result, they were made whole physically, spiritually eternally.

Interesting, they didn’t seem to comprehend what had happened with the loaves and the fish. It didn’t seem to sink in what Jesus had done. How He demonstrated His power over the elements in multiplying the loaves and the fish. He demonstrated His power over the elements. Here again that same night or early in the next morning, He again demonstrates His power over the elements so that as He gets into the ship, immediately it’s calm, again demonstrating power over the elements. And they were marveling, they didn’t stop to realize, He just fed five thousand people plus the women and children with five loaves and two fish. They were blinded to that.

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Application: How aware, and thankful, are you to what the Lord is doing all around us?

Vs. 54-56 We can imagine how it must have been that everywhere Jesus was going there was just that press towards Him. He would look up and He would see the crowds of people and all of them were trying to get close, pushing, shoving, getting near, reaching out and grabbing Him, touching Him. **How did He respond? How did He react? Was He sort of, Give me my space, stand back!? No, He looked with compassion, He saw their needs. And He was always willing to be touched by a needy person.**

Application: And so right now, if you have needs, He’s available, He doesn’t mind you touching Him. In fact, He sort of likes it. **He wants you to reach out and touch Him that you might be healed, that you might be helped.** Whatever might be a problem, the touch of faith is something He always responds to. **And if you reach out to touch Him by faith, He’ll respond to you right now!**

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, O sing all ye citizens of heav’n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.