

Life Gathering Questions
Sunday December 9th, 2018



Speaker: Kevin Loten
Series: Sing the Season
Title: *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

1. Confession Time: Have you ever broken a promise? To a friend? Your kids? A co-worker?
2. Has someone ever promised you something and not followed through? What was that like?
3. Why do promises matter to us?

Someone read **Genesis 49:10** out loud
Someone read **Proverbs 13:12** out loud

4. Consider the length of time between God's first promise of a Messiah in **Genesis 49** to the arrival of Jesus almost 1500 years later. What kind of expectations must Israel have had? Consider their expectations in light of **Proverbs 13:12**.
5. Look at the words to the hymn below. Which verse or name for the Messiah gives you the most hope or comfort?
6. How do you deal with your expectations of Jesus' promise to 'make all things new' considering the 2000 years that have passed since His return to the Father?
7. What is God's plan to address the brokenness that still exists in the world until He returns? [Hint: we are the plan]

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

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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