

Week 4: Away in a Manger

Opening.

The messiah, prophesied to be the ruler of Israel who will bring about peace, liberty and prosperity, was born in a stable with no riches to His name; yet His conception and birth are surrounded by miracles, all pointing to His ultimate assignment. This little baby in Bethlehem was in fact, “The Savior who Christ the Lord.” What does it really mean to wholeheartedly surrender to His lordship?

Until the 20th century, ‘Away in a Manger’ was known as ‘Luther’s Cradle Song’, as it was believed the Christmas carol was composed by Martin Luther, a German priest. Historians have since debunked this theory, as none of Luther’s writings mention the song, and no German text for the carol has been found from earlier than 1934. The most amazing mystery of Christmas is when Jesus, the Son of God, wholeheartedly surrendered Himself to be born as a baby, grow up as a man, to die as the Savior and to resurrect as the Lord.

Look deeper.

- Read Luke 2:8-20 and Hebrews 10:1-10.
- Why is the birth of Jesus necessary?
- The incarnation of Jesus is one of the most important truths in Christian theology. What we believe about Him determines our response to Him. Share what you know about the person and work of Jesus.
- Hebrews 10 says, Christ came to do the Father’s will. What was the Father’s will?
- In what way does the will of God and our sanctification or being ‘made holy’ connected (Hebrews 10:10)?
- What distinguishes Christ’s sacrifice from those of the Old Testament priests (Hebrews 10:11- 14)? 10.
- What two major blessings of the new covenant are mentioned in Hebrews 10:16-17?

Share your insight.

- The submission of Jesus to the Father’s will made way for our salvation. Share how thankful you are for your salvation.
- Why is it important to submit to God’s will and purpose?
- The best teaching on submission to God is summed up in Philippians 2:5-16.

Spend time to pray.

- Pray for one another.
- Pray for people who you want to invite to our Christmas Eve Service.



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The Carol

AWAY IN A MANGER

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head. The stars in the bright
sky looked down where he lay,
The little lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes, But little lord Jesus no crying
he makes. I love thee, lord Jesus! Look
down from the sky, And stay by my
bedside till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, lord Jesus; I ask thee to
stay close by me for ever and love me,
I pray. Bless all the dear children in
thy tender care, and fit us for heaven
to live with thee there.*