

“Are You Ready?”

☉ Come, ☉ Come (again) Emmanuel • part 1 *selected Scriptures*

INTRODUCTION

- are you ready for...Christmas?
- are you ready for...the Christ of Christmas?
 - complex expectations of Messiah

1 Ki. 19:16; Lev. 16:32

- the 1st coming of Messiah
Mt. 2; Lk. 2

Gal. 4:4-5

1. The physical coming (again) of Christ

- still visible
Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7
- different purpose
Heb. 9:27-28

2. The glorious coming (again) of Christ

- the foretaste
Lk. 9:23-29; Tit. 2:13
- joining Christ in His glory
1 Cor. 15:50-51; Phil. 3:20-21

3. The imminent coming (again) of Christ

- “imminent”
Mt. 24:42-44
- shock at His coming inversely related to my alertness

CONCLUSION

Late, late, so late, and dark the night and chill!
Late, late, so late, but we can enter still.
Too late, too late, ye cannot enter now.
No light had we, for that we do repent;
And, learning this, the Bridegroom will relent.
Too late, too late, ye cannot enter now.
No light, so late, and dark and chill the night!
O let us in, that we may find the light.
Too late, too late, ye cannot enter now.
Have we not heard the Bridegroom is so sweet?
O let us in, tho' late, to kiss His feet!
No, no, too late! Ye cannot enter now.

– Alfred Lord Tennyson