

## ***“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”***

Zechariah 2:10-12

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### **1. The Song’s Story**

- Charles Wesley wrote the hymn in 1744

### **2. The Scripture’s Story**

- The future king wouldn’t just be a ruler for Israel but a redeemer for the whole world
- [Isaiah 9:1-7](#)

### **3. The Savior’s Story**

- Jesus is the expected one
- [Luke 2:25-32](#)
- All the expectations have not been fulfilled
- [Luke 7:19-22](#)
- The wait is not over
- [Revelation 22:20](#)

The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when He returns for his people.