

## **REJOICE 1: Something to Sing About- The Place Matthew 2:1-12**

“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.”

*“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” -Matthew 2:6*

### **THE PLACE**

#### **❖ Obscurity**

“O little town of BETHLEHEM, how still we see thee lie...”

#### **❖ Presence**

“YET in thy dark streets shineth the EVERLASTING LIGHT.”

#### **❖ HOPE**

“The HOPES and FEARS of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

### **THE CONVERGENCE IS HERE**

#### **❖ Quietness**

“How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.”

#### **❖ Humility**

“Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.”

#### **❖ Invitation**

“O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.”

“O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel!”

**Could it be that God wants even you to REJOICE and SING this Christmas?  
Jesus comes to us WHEREVER we are this Christmas season.**