

DON'T MISS CHRISTMAS!

A Savior Is Born – Part 3: Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12

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WHY PEOPLE OFTEN MISS CHRISTMAS:

- **BUSYNESS** (The Innkeeper)

“...there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:6

- **FAMILIARITY** (The Religious Leaders)

“Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet (Micah) wrote about this in the Scriptures.”

Matthew 2:4-5

“Their minds are in the dark, and they are stubborn so they have missed out on the life that comes from God.” Eph. 4:18

- **FEAR** (King Herod)

“When King Herod heard about this news, he was very disturbed and worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.” Matthew 2:3

“Some people have missed the most important thing in life – they don't know God!” 1 Timothy 6:21 (LB)

HOW TO NOT MISS CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS:

- **STOP FILLING MY LIFE WITH LESS IMPORTANT THINGS**

“All man's busy rushing ends in nothing. He heaps up riches for someone else to spend.” Psalm 39:6

“Be still and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10

“Reverence for God adds hours to each day!” Proverbs 10:27

- **LOOK CLOSELY AT WHY JESUS CAME**

“Go and make a careful search for the child.” Matthew 2:8

God says, “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

- **LISTEN TO THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS**

“The angel said, ‘FEAR NOT, I bring you good news of great joy! ...a Savior has been born for you – he is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11

“Jesus said, ‘I have come so that you may have life, and have it to the fullest!’” John 10:10

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through him.” John 3:17

FOR A NEW LIFE AT CHRISTMAS...

STOP!

“Christ carried the burden of our sins on the cross so that we could STOP living for sin and START living for what is right. His wounds heal us.” 1 Peter 2:24 (NCV)

LOOK!

“Let all the world LOOK to me for salvation! For I am God and there is no other!” Isaiah 45:22 (NLT)

LISTEN!

“LISTEN to what God says: THIS is the hour to receive God's favor! TODAY is the day to be saved!” 2 Corinthians 6:2 (TEV)

MEMORY VERSE:

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.” Isaiah 45:22

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT:

Dear God, I don't understand all I am learning, but I want to be gut-level honest. I want to be totally honest with you right now. I have allowed busyness to keep me from knowing you. I have allowed being familiar with things found in your Word to keep me from knowing you. And I have even allowed fear to keep me from knowing you.

I thank you that you love me in spite of all my faults and my failures, and so this Christmas, as much as I know how to do it, Jesus Christ, I open up my life to you. I don't understand it all, and I've got doubts and questions, but you say, "That's okay."

I want to be a friend of yours and I need a Savior. I realize that if I did not need one, you wouldn't have sent a Savior at Christmas. You said in your Word that a Savior has been born for me, so I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior. I want to learn to love him and trust him for the rest of my life. I humbly make this request to you in Jesus' name, Amen.