

## “HEROD’S STORY”

### Christmas Stories :: Part 1

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<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

<sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied...<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” Matthew 2:1-5, 7-8

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” <sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Matthew 2:13-16

1) The Christian life is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.”* Matthew 10:34

*The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.* Romans 8:7

Three Responses:

- Extreme \_\_\_\_\_
- Extreme \_\_\_\_\_
- Extreme \_\_\_\_\_

2) Jesus understands \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”* Matthew 8:20

3) God often uses \_\_\_\_\_.