



SERMON NOTES

Christmas at the Movies

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Part 4

Pastor Carl Toti - December 22-23, 2018

Matthew 2:1-8 (NLT)

1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” 3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote: 6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.’” 7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

1. What Did Herod See?

Look

Matthew 2:1-5 (NKJV)

[1] Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2] saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

[4] And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

2. What Did The Wise Men See?

Look

Matthew 2:7-8 (NLT)

7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

Matthew 2:12 (NLT)

[12] Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Matthew 2:16 (NLT)

[16] Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

3. What Did Joseph See?

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Matthew 2:13-15 (NLT)

13 After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, 15 and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt."

4. What Did Mary See?

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Luke 1:38 (Phillips NT)

38 "I belong to the Lord, body and soul," replied Mary, "let it happen as you say." And at this the angel left her.

Takeaways

1. You Find Jesus in the _____.
2. Truth Must Lead to _____ not Simply More Information.
3. Following Jesus _____ us "another way."
4. Mock Evil. _____ God.

Answers:

- 1) *Distorted*
- 2) *Devoted*
- 3) *Dutiful*
- 4) *Delightful*

- 1) *Scriptures*
- 2) *Transformation*
- 3) *Leads*
- 4) *Obey*