

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



IS CHRISTMAS ONLY? PT 4

END OF THE STORY – OR THE START OF SOMETHING MORE GRAND?



About two years after the birth of Jesus, a king, King Herod, was boss in this country. He was mean, nasty, bad-tempered and got mad if anyone suggested there might be another king. Well, guess what? Suddenly he had these blokes turn up at his palace door with a strange request.

They respectfully met with Herod (after all, he was the king) and told him they were wise men from a different country. They study stars and believe a new star that travels, had led them to a "new king". Herod thought, "New king! Not likely!" But he hid his anger and instead said, "You beaut! Tell you what. You find him, then I can come and worship him too". But he was actually thinking, "You find him and I'll get rid of him".

The wise men continued following that star. Finding the young Jesus, they gave Him the presents they had brought; Gold, frankincense (that smells good - sweet), and spicy smelling myrrh. Later God told these men not to go back to Herod (remember he had terrible plans for Jesus)



God also sent a messenger (probably one of his angels) to Joseph, warning about King Herod's "not nice" plans and telling Joseph to take his family and migrate to Egypt until God let him know it was safe to come home. That is just what Joseph did.

So, is Christmas only about presents, tinsel & holidays? No, it's about God and ordinary people who believed in God's love, listened to Him and did as He said. Ordinary people like you. You might ask, "But how can I know what God wants?" It might seem hard at first, but He has promised to help. First, despite all that might be going on in your life, try to believe **HE DOES LOVE YOU AND WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU AND YOUR LIFE**. Find a couple of "Jesus Followers" and talk to them. That might mean going to a church – where they do try to be friendly. Read God's words in the Bible (The book of Luke is an excellent place to start). Take time to be silent and let Him talk to your heart. Give it a try. You have nothing to lose, lots to gain.

God bless you, and may you have a very blessed and joyous Christmas

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