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Those Who Missed Christmas: The Leaders Who Missed Christmas

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Three ways to be involved this Christmas:

- Serve
- Invite
- Pray

John 6:44 (NIV): "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Father, I ask that You would use this production to draw people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Matthew 2:1-3 (NIV): After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 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." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:4 (NIV): 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.

Matthew 2:5-6 (NIV): "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Two Reasons Why the Leaders Missed Christmas

Reason #1: Misplaced Priorities

Matthew 2:3 (NIV): When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Reason #2: Spiritual Indifference

Matthew 2:5-6 (NIV): "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV): Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.