

# 12/10/23 Message

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Part of While You Were Sleeping  
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## Message: Completely Lost

### Series: While You Were Sleeping

This is our second message in the series While You Were Sleeping. In this series you're challenged to not miss Christmas. We're not talking about the celebration or the superficial excitement of the season. Instead, we're talking about the real reason for Christmas and the gifts Jesus gives us! Don't miss it!

## Who Missed Christmas

### *Luke 2:7 (NKJV)*

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

- The INNKEEPER missed Christmas
  - People miss Christmas when they are PREOCCUPIED

### *Matthew 2:1-16 (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:

6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined

from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

- HEROD missed Christmas
  - People miss Christmas when they are JEALOUS
  - People miss Christmas when they are AFRAID

## **Others that Missed Christmas**

- The Chief Priests and Scribes missed Christmas
- Jerusalem missed Christmas
- Many in our world today!

Wake up and don't sleep through Christmas - don't miss Jesus!