

“What Do You Do After Christmas?”

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I. Mary _____ Christmas.

“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”

Luke 2:19 (NIV)

“I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

Psalm 77:11-12 (NIV)

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

“Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,”

Psalm 105:5 (NIV)

II. Joseph put into _____ what God said.

“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

Matthew 1:24 (NIV)

“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.” So, he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt.”

Matthew 2:13-14 (NIV)

“After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So, he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.”

Matthew 2:19-23 (NIV)

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:9 (NIV)

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

III. The shepherds returned to their old jobs
_____ God and
_____ the good news.

“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ... The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

Luke 2:17, 20 (NIV)

“So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

“Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.”

Psalm 105:2 (NIV)

IV. The Magi _____ and went back another way.

“And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”

Matthew 2:12 (NIV)

“Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God.”

Jeremiah 26:13a (NIV)

“You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

V. King Herod and the masses of the people let Christmas _____ them.

“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 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. “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.”’ ... 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 2:3-6, 16 (NIV)

“On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ... From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.”

John 6:60-61, 66 (NIV)

“As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.”

Hebrews 3:15 (NIV)

“We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.”

Hebrews 2:1-3 (NIV)