

“Christmas According To” Series:

Early Skeptics



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III. Being Ready For Christmas

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

Herod did everything he could to maintain the status quo & resist the change brought by the first Christmas. Many throughout history have likewise endeavored to undermine or marginalize the significance of the Messiah’s first advent. Nevertheless, He cannot be opposed. His kingdom will come & His reign will be unending. The first advent will continue to be celebrated by God’s people until Jesus returns at the second advent.

Are you working for or against the true meaning of Christmas being proclaimed to the world? Are you privately harboring fear, anxiety or ambivalence about Christmas? Have you asked the Lord to show you what place He wants the truth of Christmas to hold in your thoughts, words & deeds?

This Christmas, prayerfully reflect upon your life’s present focus. Consider the path that you are on & your relationship with the Savior. Ask God to reveal His will & to enable you to walk in accordance with it. Thank Him for sending Jesus into the world. Commit to reach out to others, that they also may know the Messiah.