

December 5, 2021  
Matthew 2:1-12

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR CHRISTMAS?

### I. Introduction:

### II. Three Reasons We May Be Unprepared For Christmas:

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (The Innkeeper)

<sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because **there was no room for them in the inn.** Luke 2:7

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (King Herod)

“When King Herod heard about this news, he was very disturbed and worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.” Matthew 2:3

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (The Religious Leaders)

“Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born. They answered, ‘In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet [Micah] wrote about this in the Scriptures . . .’” Matthew 2:4-5

### III. HOW TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS:

**STOP:** \_\_\_\_\_

“All man’s busy rushing ends in nothing. He heaps up riches for someone else to spend.” Psalm 39:6

“Be still and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10

“Reverence for God adds hours to each day!” Proverbs 10:27

**LOOK:** \_\_\_\_\_

“Go and make a careful search for the child.” Matthew 2:8

God says: “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

**LISTEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

“The angel said, ‘FEAR NOT, I bring you good news of great joy! . . . A Savior has been born for you—he is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save the world through him.” John 3:17

## **VI. Conclusion And Application:**