

# **WHEN CHRISTMAS IS OVER**

**(Matthew 2:10-23)**

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10. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed beyond measure.
11. Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12. And being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route.

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13. After they were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Get up! Take the child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. For Herod is about to search for the child to destroy Him.”
14. So he got up, took the child and His mother during the night, and escaped to Egypt.
15. He stayed there until Herod’s death, so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled: Out of Egypt I called My Son.

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16. Then Herod, when he saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men, flew into a rage. He gave orders to massacre all the male children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, in keeping with the time he had learned from the wise men.
17. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:
18. A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.

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19. After Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
20. saying, “Get up! Take the child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, because those who sought the child’s life are dead.”
21. So he got up, took the child and His mother, and entered the land of Israel.

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- 22. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned in a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee.
- 23. Then he went and settled in a town called Nazareth to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets, that He will be called a Nazarene.

# 1. Sooner or Later Christmas is Over

- Vs. 16 “Then Herod, when he saw that he had been outwitted by the wise men, flew into a rage.”

# 1. Sooner or Later Christmas is Over

- Birth of baby
- Shepherds
- Reports of angels
- House
- Wise men: gifts & worship
- At the end of the high, **there's a Herod**

# **1. Sooner or Later Christmas is Over**

- **Nothing is more over than Christmas once Christmas is over**

## 2. When Christmas is Over, God Still Speaks

- Vs. 13 “After they were gone, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying...”
  - **When God speaks, however, He always makes Himself clear**
  - **Any person who is yielded to God, to do God’s will, will know God’s will.**

### 3. When Christmas is Over, God Gets Us Moving

- Vs. 13-14 “ ... ‘Get up! Take the child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. For Herod is about to search for the child to destroy Him.’ So he got up, took the child and His mother during the night, and escaped to Egypt.”

### **3. When Christmas is Over, God Gets Us Moving**

- **After the blessings and the “high”  
there comes a time for obedience**
- **There are:**
  - \* **seasons for savoring,**
  - \* **periods of solidifying,**
  - \* **and times for action!!**

## **4. When Christmas is Over, God Continues to Accomplish His Purposes**

- Vs. 15 “He stayed there until Herod’s death, so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled: ‘Out of Egypt I called My Son.’ ”
- Vs. 23 “Then he went and settled in a town called Nazareth to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets, that He will be called a Nazarene.”

## 4. When Christmas is Over, God Continues to Accomplish His Purposes

- Sometimes, there is “eyes-wide-open” opposition
- God’s purposes are about **His glory,**  
not our convenience!!
- Evil’s worst ends up accomplishing God’s will!!
- Resistance to God is futile.. He will accomplish His will!!

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## **[summary]**

- Sooner or later, Christmas is over.
- When Christmas is over, God still speaks.
- When Christmas is over, God gets us moving.
- When Christmas is over, God continues to accomplish His purposes.

# **When Christmas is Over**

## **[summary]**

- It is time to see a new season.
- Realize that Satan is still angry about Christmas and attacks afterwards.
- Build on the New Year in a spirit of “Kingdom Building” and “glorifying” Jesus!!
- Trust God for something “new”.
- LET’ S PRAY:

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