



The Notes

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE GRINCH

Part 2: *“Three Wise Tips For Joy-filled Holiday Travel”*

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“Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea during the time when Herod was king. When Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, ‘Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, as were all the people in Jerusalem. 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 wrote about this in the Scriptures:

*‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are not just an insignificant village in Judah.
A ruler will come from you
who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’ Micah 5:2*

Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men and learned from them the exact time they first saw the star. He sent the wise men to Bethlehem, saying, 'Look carefully for the child. When you find him, come tell me so I can worship him too.'

After the wise men heard the king, they left. The star that they had seen in the east went before them until it stopped above the place where the child was. When the wise men saw the star, they were filled with joy. They came to the house where the child was and saw him with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But God warned the wise men in a dream not to go back to Herod, so they returned to their own country by a different way."

Matthew 2:1-12 (NCV)

**SO YOU DON'T GET ROBBED OF YOUR
JOY DURING YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVELS,
MAKE SURE YOU...**

1. ...TRAVEL WITH _____ WHO ARE
_____ TO THE _____ YOU
ARE!

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from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, 'Where is the baby who was born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.'

Matthew 2:1-2 (NCV)

"So does belonging to Christ help you in any way? Does his love comfort you at all? Do you share anything in common because of the Holy Spirit? Has Christ ever been gentle and loving toward you? If any of these things has happened to you, then agree with one another. Have the same love. Be one in spirit and in the way you think and act. By doing this, you will make my joy complete. Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be humble. Value others more than yourselves. None of you should look out just for your own good. Each of you should also look out for the good of others."

Philippians 2:1-4 (NIRV)

2. ... _____ **AROUND THE**
_____ **THAT WILL GET YOU**
LOST!

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back to Herod, so they returned to their own country by a different way.”

Matthew 2:7-8, 12 (NCV)

“Don’t have anything to do with arguing. It is dumb and foolish. You know it only leads to fights. Anyone who serves the Lord must not be hard to get along with. Instead, they must be kind to everyone. They must be able to teach. The one who serves must not hold anything against anyone.”

2 Timothy 2:23-24 (NIRV)

3. ...TAKE ALL YOUR _____
WITH YOU SO THAT YOU’LL HAVE THEM
READY TO _____

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Matthew 2:10-11 (NCV)

“Get yourselves a bank that can’t go bankrupt, a bank in heaven far from bankrobbers, safe from embezzlers, a bank you can bank on. It’s obvious, isn’t it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.”

Luke 12:33-34 (MSG)