

# The People Who Don't Get Christmas

*Selected Scripture from the four Gospels – Chris Mueller 2019*

**Introduction:**

## 1<sup>st</sup> The Innkeeper

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**Luke 2:7** Mary gave birth to her first born son; she wrapped him in cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Herod

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**Matthew 2:1-8** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him." And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet...Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them the time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

**Luke 19:14** We do not want this man to reign over us.

**Mark 8:36** For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

## 3<sup>rd</sup> The Religious Leaders

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**Matthew 2:4-6** Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people...began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, in Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet, And you, Bethlehem, land of Judea, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler, who will shepherd My people Israel.

**Matthew 9:13** I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

## 4<sup>th</sup> The City of Jerusalem

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**Matthew 2:3** All Jerusalem was TROUBLED.

## 5<sup>th</sup> The Roman Empire

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**Luke 2:1** Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

## 6<sup>th</sup> The City of Nazareth

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**John 1:11** He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

**The main issue is** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 20:28** My Lord and My God.

**John 1:11-12** He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.