

# Christmas Story Far Different Today

**T**HIS is a story of Christmas, as excerpted from the Holy Scriptures and dramatized from modern "life style" situations.

"And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins. (Matt. 1:21)

"Call the children! We don't want them to miss 'Bugs Bunny's Looney Christmas' and 'Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer' on TV."

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, into the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David); to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. (Luke 2:4-5)

"Whew! We went up to the mall for Christmas shopping. The only things bigger than the crowds were the prices and sales taxes."

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothing, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for him in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

"But if your folks and my folks both come here for Christmas, where will everybody sleep?"

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall to be all people." (Luke 2:10)

"We got some unlucky news today. Aunt Mary decided to come for Christmas dinner after all, and that will be 13 at the table!"

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward man." (Luke 2:13-14)

"Now you kids go play with your toys, so the men can watch the football game on TV."

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (Luke 2:20)

"We got a card from Jerome and Josephine. Did we send them one? They didn't send us one last year, did they?"

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him." (Matt. 2:1-2)

"Just tell them we are too tired to go to Christmas services at the church!"

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshiped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented Him gifts: gold and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matt. 2:11)

"Do you mean all of these bills are just for Christmas presents? I wonder if Christmas is worth all it costs?"

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)