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The Sermon:

“Christmas Guests, Christmas Gifts?” #3 of 5

Gary Olsen,
Lead Pastor, Dr. Ministry

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1-9a NCV

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¹ 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.

² 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 NCV

³ When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, as were all the people in Jerusalem.

⁴ Herod called a meeting of all the leading priests and teachers of the law and asked them where the Christ would be born.

Matthew 2 NCV

⁵ They answered, “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this in the Scriptures:

⁶ ‘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*

Matthew 2 NCV

⁷ Then Herod had a secret meeting with the wise men and learned from them the exact time they first saw the star.

⁸ 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.”

⁹ After the wise men heard the king, they left. The star that they had seen in the east went before them ...



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Matthew 2:1 *NCV*

... When Jesus was born,
some wise men from the east
came to Jerusalem.

Matthew 2:11 *NCV*

...They opened their gifts
and gave him treasures
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

John 3¹⁶

"For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son...

Matthew 6:10

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 28¹⁹

Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations



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Mike Slaughter

CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Experience
the Joy of Living
and Giving Like Jesus



FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS

ACTION STEP #1

THE OUTREACH CHRISTMAS MARKET

A Long, Global Reach:

Giving to the world God so loves!



Rolling Hills Community Church Outreach Christmas Market

Give gifts that keep on giving!

Purchase Gifts

November 27th thru December 25, 2011

Joseph & Mary

Struggling parents-to-be, even refugees.

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| Family-Life Ministry, RHCC ~ Teaching parents to minister to their children at home. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| World Vision ~ Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children and families. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Samaritan's Purse ~ Provides aid to victims of war, poverty, natural disaster. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| CROP Walk/Church World Service ~ Raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |

Angels

Spreading the Good News.

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| RHCC Bible Fund ~ Distribution of Bibles to visitors and homeless. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| American Bible Society ~ Brings life changing message of the Bible where needed most. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Biblica ~ Transforming lives through God's Word. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Gideons ~ Dedicated to Bible distribution and evangelism. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |

Shepherds

Unemployed, working poor, etc.

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| RHCC Food Pantry ~ Provides food to families in our community. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Hill Country Community Ministries ~ Provides food and clothing for Travis & Williamson counties. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Samaritan Health ~ Provides low cost healthcare to the uninsured. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Church Under the Bridge ~ Ministry For the Homeless in Austin. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Life Long Friends ~ Local Animal Adoption Center | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |

Wisemen & Herod

International missions, persecuted Christian

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| Knit-A-Square ~ South Africa Children's Blanket Project | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Timothy Stains Memorial Children's Home and Orphanage in Madurai, South India | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Voice of the Martyrs ~ Aiding Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith in Christ. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Invisible Children Uganda ~ working with youth affected by Africa's longest running war. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |

Baby Jesus

Infants and childrens ministries.

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| RHCC Youth Programs ~ VBS, TreeHouse, Roots Troop, Planet Youth | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Hope Connections Pregnancy Center ~ Provides Services for Unplanned Pregnancy. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| RHEEEP ~ Rolling Hills Early Education Scholarship Fund. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Any Baby Can ~ Provides crisis management for families with critically ill or disabled children. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |

Inn Keepers

Hospitality ministries to travelers, homeless, refugees, etc.

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| Ronald MacDonald House ~ Provides comfort and care to children and their families during illness. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Seton League House ~ Provides families a place to stay while loved ones are hospitalized. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |
| Safe Place Shelter ~ Provides shelter and assistance to abused women and children. | Cards: _____ \$ _____ |

SHOPPERS NAME: _____

TOTAL: _____

Make your check to RHCC and note "OCM." Attach check to the shopping list and place in envelope.
Donations are tax deductible.

ACTION STEP #2

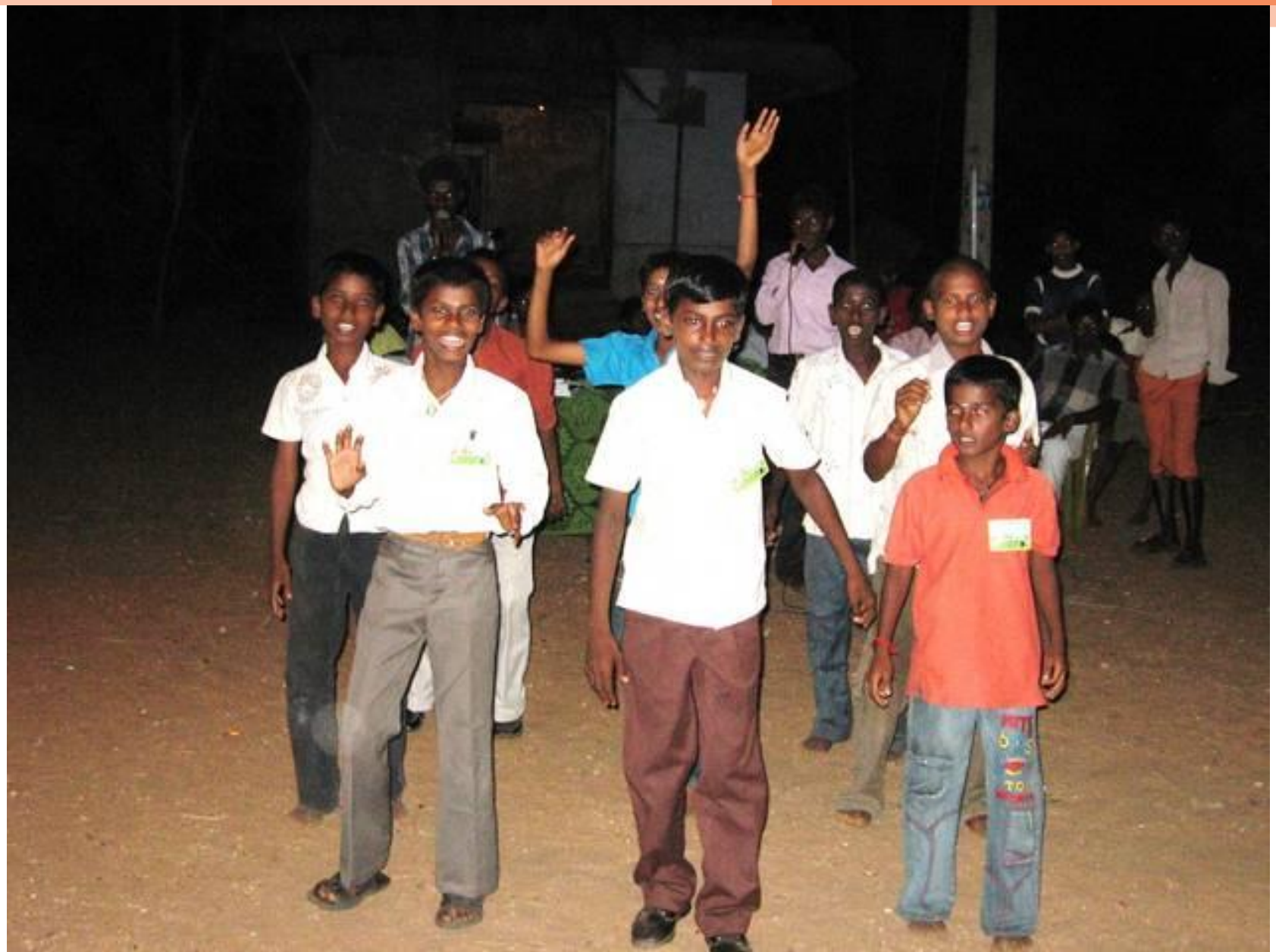
THE OUTREACH CHRISTMAS MARKET

India – Children's Home and Orphanage



















ACTION STEP #3

THE OUTREACH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Voice of the Martyrs – Persecuted Christians







ACTION STEP #4

A Long Reach of Time

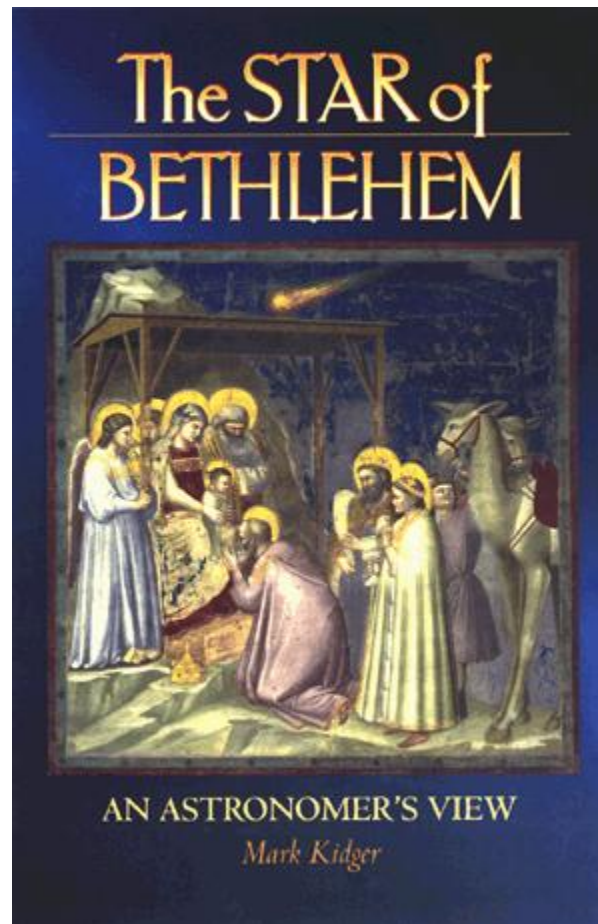
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ACTION STEP #5

A Long Reach Back

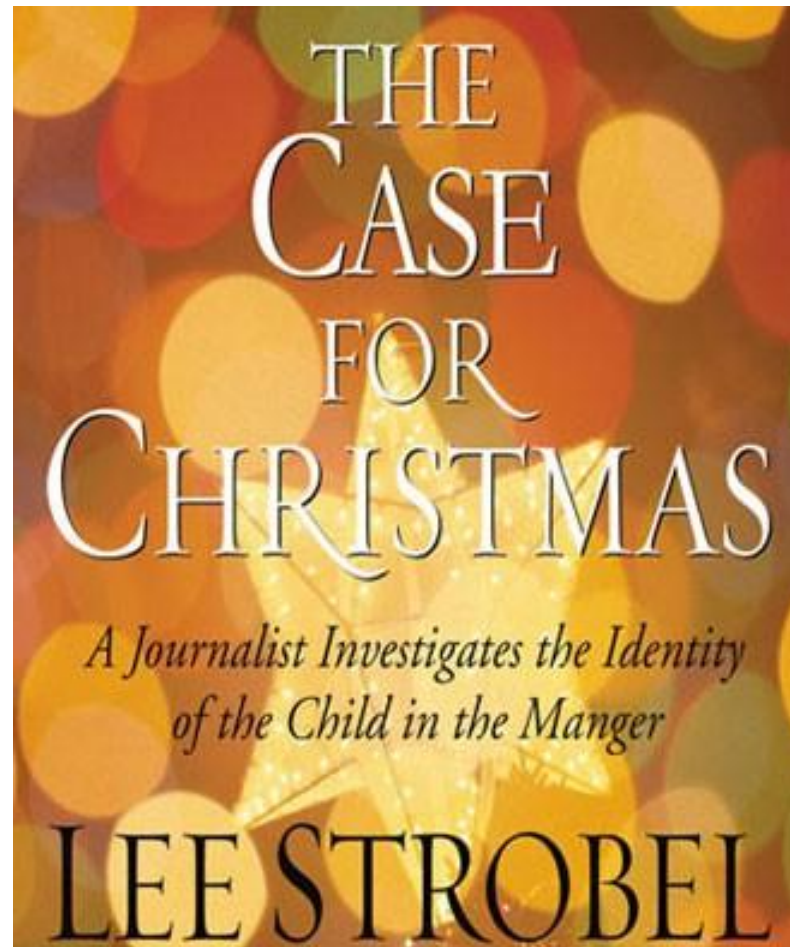
The evidence for the Bible's story
of the birth of Jesus

The Star of Bethlehem: An Astronomer's View Mark Kidger



The Case for Christmas

Lee Strobel



“Why does a loving God
allow suffering in the world?”

“God doesn’t allow it; we do.
As followers of Jesus,
we are the only bank account that God has,
we are the only feet to go to those
with needs, and we are the only hands
that serve those who have a need.”

-- Mike Slaughter, It's Not Your Birthday

Matthew 2:11 *NCV*

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.



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