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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND MERRY X-MAS ???



Scene 1 (Scattered comments from the general public....) Haven't you just about had enough of "those people" who won't keep Christ in Christmas!! You know the ones who serve coffee in red cups with no snowflakes on them! (Starbucks) Or they wish you a "Happy Holiday" as you walk away with your purchases. They just don't get "He's The Reason for the Season," and they think "Jingle Bells" is what the Angels sang at Jesus' birth. Surrounded by such people, what IS a Christian to do?

(**Aside:** We Christians must realize that secular people and institutions do not share our values or Holy Days. Perhaps, if we put more emphasis on LIVING the story)

Scene 2: (Logical suggestions from the STORY....)

JESUS laid aside his own glory, humbled himself, and came into a wicked culture to spread light and offer salvation to those who would listen. He came to serve!

MARY, when faced with a seemingly impossible (and embarrassing) task, simply submitted her will to God's will and did what was asked of her.

JOSEPH temporarily gave up his carpentry business to go on a short term mission trip into Egypt! (Sorry, I just couldn't pass that one up!) He was willing to stand against the traditions that a small village would have thought proper, and in so doing, became the protector of an innocent child.

THE ANGELS sang songs that told the true story of Jesus' birth. Their "caroling" was to a group of homeless men out in a field...men who had no address and were considered the lowest of the low in their culture. All who heard the songs were challenged seek the truth and a better life.

THE WISEMEN followed a star in search of a king, expecting to end up in a palace where they possibly would be praised for the rich gifts they were bringing. Instead they found a child, and believed the Holy Spirit's whisper that this was the One who was to be great and do mighty things for mankind. They invested their gifts in this little one and went home praising God.

Epilog: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel!

