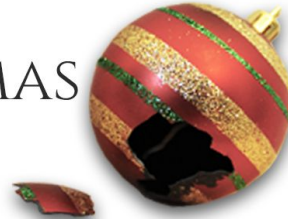


# ~~BEST~~ THE WORST CHRISTMAS EVER



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The ~~Worst~~ Best Place for Christmas  
Luke 2:1-7

In your experience, what ruins a great holiday?

- Narcissist relative
- Surprising announcement
- Travel gone wrong (delay, sickness, etc.)
- Bad weather/unsafe trip
- Poor accommodations
- Unwelcome guests
- Breakdown
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**God shows up despite:**

**1. The worst \_\_\_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:1-3 *In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered.*

- Caesar Augustus:
  - o A \_\_\_\_\_ who made \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Adopted by \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Called “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**2. The worst \_\_\_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:4-5 *Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.*

- Bethlehem:
  - o Claim to fame: \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Journey from Nazareth: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. The worst \_\_\_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 2:6-7 *While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

- Stable:
  - o No room because \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Was actually the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house
  - o Manger--

**Main Point:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Doggy Bag: Some questions to chew on.**

1. Am I looking forward to the best Christmas? Why or why not?
2. What has ruined Christmas for me in the past?
3. What am I afraid of this Christmas?
4. Where have I experienced God's presence unexpectedly?
5. What places in my life seem devoid of God's presence and grace? Who is the jerk I'm facing? What is the trip I'm dreading? What conditions are just plain bad? Where might Jesus want to enter in and redeem?

