

# Who Would Steal Christ From Christmas?

Text: Matthew 2:7-16

**Introduction:** *Many stories are told of outdoor nativity scenes that have had the baby Jesus stolen from them. It would seem that many in our society would prefer a secular Santa to a saintly Messiah as the symbol for Christmas. King Herod tried to steal Christ from Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago and there are many Herod's still trying to do the same today. There are really two main characters in the Christmas story. They are:*

## **I. The Prince of this World - - Satan**

John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Ephesians 6:12

II Corinthians 2:11; 3:14&15; 4:4; John 10:10; I Peter 5:8

Matthew 16:23; I Chronicles 21:1; Genesis 3:4

## **II. The Savior of this World - - Jesus**

Ecclesiastes 3:1; Galatians 4:4; Acts 17:24-28

Daniel 2:4-7, 44&45

Luke 2:1&2; John 3:16

**Conclusion:** Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:5-8

The prophecies are true. The Savior is real. The King is coming. He will return, and we will be forever with the Lord! Make this season a Merry Christ-filled Christmas for yourself and others!