

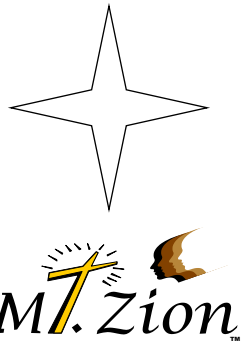
The Error of Tradition

The Nativity, by tradition, shows the shepherds and wise men coming to baby Jesus in the manger.

This tradition is misleading for
Knowledge and Understanding.



**Read inside to know
the truth.**



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Jesus Christ is Born!



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The Shepherds

“They came the same night of his birth.”

Luke Chapter 2:4-16

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called **Bethlehem**; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

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

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; **Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

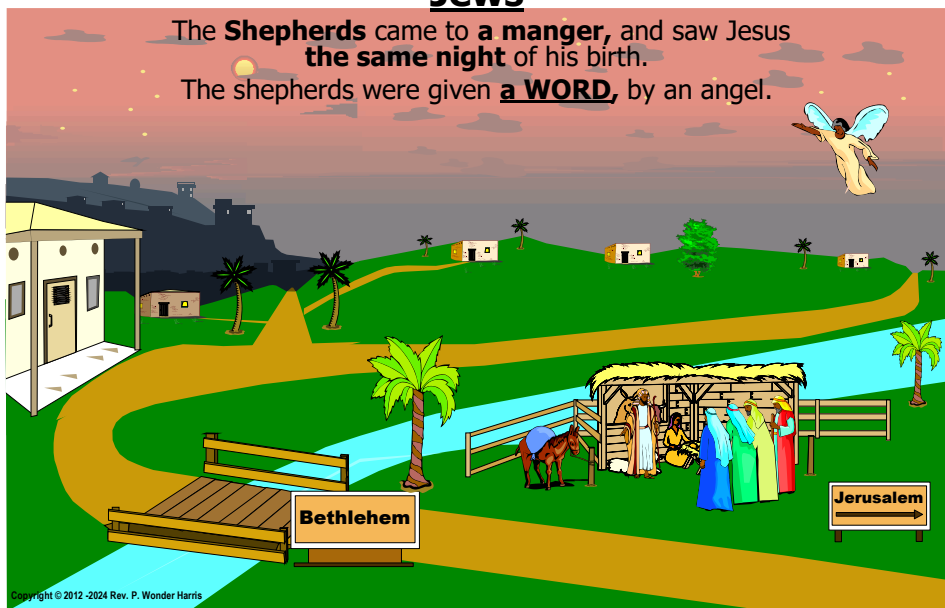
15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even **unto Bethlehem**, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe **lying in a manger**. KJV

Jews

The **Shepherds** came to a **manger**, and saw Jesus **the same night** of his birth.

The shepherds were given a **WORD**, by an angel.



The Manger

The Wise Men

“They came almost two years after his birth.”

Matthew Chapter 2:1-11 & 16

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 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.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, **In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written** by the prophet,

6 And **thou Bethlehem**, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, **lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.**

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

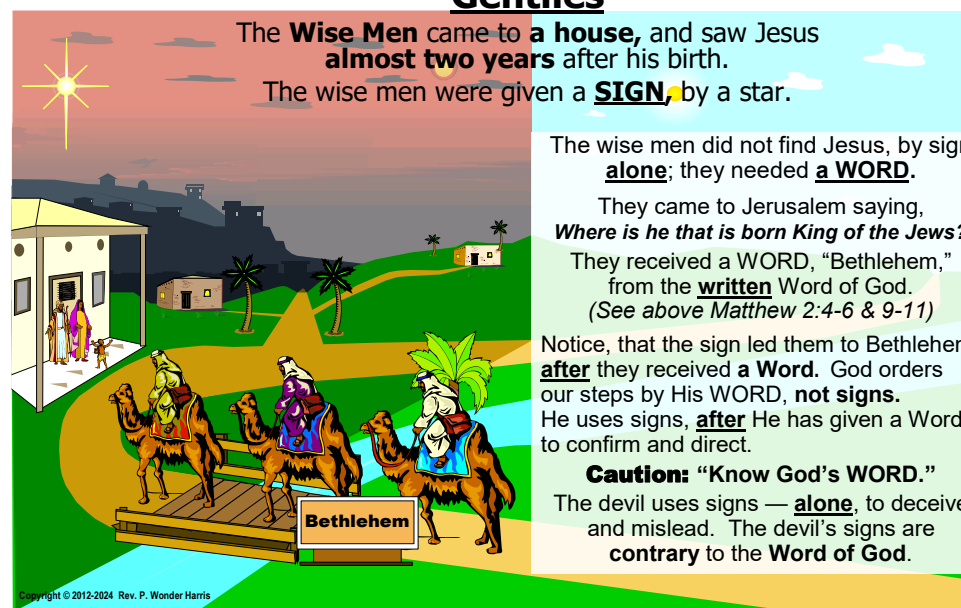
11 And when they were come into the **house**, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, **from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. KJV

Gentiles

The **Wise Men** came to a **house**, and saw Jesus **almost two years** after his birth.

The wise men were given a **SIGN**, by a star.



The House

The wise men did not find Jesus, by sign **alone**; they needed a **WORD**.

They came to Jerusalem saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?** They received a **WORD**, “Bethlehem,” from the **written** Word of God. (See above **Matthew 2:4-6 & 9-11**)

Notice, that the sign led them to Bethlehem, **after** they received a **Word**. God orders our steps by His **WORD**, **not signs**. He uses signs, **after** He has given a **Word**, to confirm and direct.

Caution: “Know God’s **WORD**.”

The devil uses signs — **alone**, to deceive and mislead. The devil’s signs are **contrary** to the **Word of God**.