What if We Just Skipped Christmas Altogether?

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LUKE 2:1-7 - In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

PROVERBS 13:11 - Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

PROVERBS 21:20 - The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

The Innkeeper decided that he would skip the first Christmas and made <u>no room</u> for Jesus.

Herod forgot Christmas altogether because he was jealous of Jesus.

MATTHEW 2:5,6 - "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6 ""But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

The whole town of Bethlehem <u>rejected</u> Jesus.

LUKE 2:15 - When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

