



THE LIGHT AND DARK SIDES OF CHRISTMAS

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Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." MATTHEW 2:13-15
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Joseph's Dream

Rembrandt (1645)

“Rembrandt was so committed to the Scriptures that he met with Jewish rabbis to learn more about the Bible so he could add realism to his paintings.” TERRY GLASPEY, AUTHOR OF *75 MASTERPIECES EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW*

Is your heart more like _____ or the
_____?

Reflections on the Art of Christmas

1. The dark side of Christmas reminds us that we live in a
_____.

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” MATTHEW 2:16-18 ESV

2. The dark side of Christmas explains why God sent us a
_____ JEREMIAH 17:9; JOHN 8:12

3. The light side of Christmas _____ over the
dark side. MATTHEW 2:19-23; JOHN 1:5, 9