

Who Could Have Stopped Christmas?

Introduction

- It seems that every year numbers of movies are made about about people who try to stop Christmas from happening...
 - The Grinch, the Burgermeister Meisterburger, Granville Sawyer, Jack Frost, etc.
- ...or those that must step in to save Christmas...
 - Tim Allen, Ernest P. Worrell, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Fred Flintstone, Mickey Mouse, the Penguins of Madagascar, Sonic the Hedgehog, Elmo, Buddy the Elf, Dora, Diego, the Wonder Pets, Cindy Lou Who, Popeye, a dog named Hercules, and I have to stop because I am getting carried away...
- Let's look back at the REAL Christmas story and look at a few people who could've REALLY stopped Christmas.

Mary

- Luke 1:30-31
- To her was entrusted a glorious burden, one that must be borne through hardship and shame
- What if she had refused?
- What if she had given up?

Joseph

- Matthew 1:19-20
- He must bear the shame and support Mary
- What if he had carried out his plan to "put her away"?
- What if he had prosecuted her for adultery?
- What if he had not believed the Lord's message to him?

Inn Keeper

- Luke 2:7
- He had no room but still found some shelter for Mary and Joseph
- What if he had refused their support and not aided them?

Wise men

- Matthew 2:12
- They could have reported back to Herod.
- What if they had reported back?
- What if they had not heeded God's warning?

Herod

- Matthew 2:16
- He really did try to stop Christmas by the Slaughter of the Innocents
- What if he had succeeded?
- What if he had been paying attention to prophecy and was waiting for Christ?