

A CHRISTMAS CAMEO

Featuring: The Wise Men & Herod the Great

Topic: “Humility vs. Pride”

Matthew 2:1-20

Introduction: At the heart of sin is _____. It is the motivation and foundation for all sin. The Christmas Story has models of both pride and humility; it presents a contrast between a foolish king who is _____ by his pride and wise men that are _____ for their humility.

➤ **The Wise Men Were**

- Intelligent Yet _____ (2:1)
- Men Yet Asked for _____ (2:2)
- Prominent Yet Worshipped a Child (2:9-11a)
- Wealthy Yet _____ Sensitive (2:11b)
- Wise Yet _____ God (2:12)

➤ **Herod Was**

- Competitiveness Just as Pride (2:3-6)
 - Breeds _____ - _____
 - Breeds _____
- Deceptiveness Just as Pride (2:7-8)
 - Breeds _____
 - Breeds _____
- Vindictiveness Just as Pride (2:13-16; 19-20)
 - Breeds _____
 - Breeds _____

Application: *“...be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...” (1 Peter 5a-6)*

Enter the Main Character: Even though Jesus was deity, He was the _____ example of humility. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)