

### Day 23

*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,*

“Finally!” said Melchior, leaping off his camel, “Jerusalem! Let’s get seeing Herod out of the way, then hit the shops for more camel treats.”

*Saying,*

“I want to speak first, I’m the wisest!” pouted Caspar.

“Fine!” snapped Balthazar. “But keep it short- none of your Wikipedia facts or long speeches”.

*“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.”*

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

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

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

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

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

*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.”*

*When they had heard the king, they departed;*

“That Herod looks like a right dodgy bloke to me,” muttered Melchior to Balthazar as they saddled their camels and prepared to leave.

“I quite agree” said Balthazar. “Still, not long to go! Just a few more miles on to Bethlehem. Let’s play a word game to pass the time”.

Move one letter from the first word to the second word to make two new words.

1- Herod men

4- camel holy

2- amen manger

5- mince pies

3- stable star

6- heaven ice

All text in italics from Matthew 2 (KJV)

1- d (Hero, mend) 2- a (men, manager) 3- s (table, stars) 4- l (came, holly) 5- n (mice, pines) 6- n (heave, nice)