

The Christmas Monster (Matthew 2:1-21)

Introduction: *What does a monster have to do with Christmas?*

- I. KING HEROD WAS A KNOWN PARANOID
(verses 2-3, 7-8,12)

- II. THE “SLAYING OF THE INNOCENTS”
IS PROOF OF THIS (verses 16-18)

- III. HERE ARE SOME HISTORICAL FACTS
ABOUT HEROD’S PARANOIA (his “hit list”)

- IV. SO WHY WAS HE CALLED *HEROD THE GREAT*?
(building projects & tax relief)

- V. WHAT WAS HIS BRUTAL PLAN SO THE DATE
OF HIS DEATH WOULD BE REMEMBERED?
(massacre in the Jericho arena)

- VI. HOW DID HEROD DIE?
(verse 19)

- VII. WHAT ABOUT THE BABY JESUS?
(verses 13-15, 19-21)

- VIII. WHAT IS GOD’S MESSAGE TO US IN ALL
OF THIS? (Genesis 50:20)

Conclusion: *God’s Genesis 50:20 promise to you!*