

THE TIME MACHINE TALK SHOW

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SONG: MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

(Applause sign)

Scene 1 – Interview with Mary

Trish and Troy: *(walking in with big smiles and waves)*

Tis the season to be jolly!

Merry Christmas to you!

(T'n'T sitting down at desk)

Trish: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen! Welcome back to *The Time Machine Talk Show*! We're your hosts, Trish Timewarp —

Troy: And Troy Timewarp! We're traveling through time so you don't have to! Tonight, we'll be interviewing some interesting characters, to get to the bottom of the claims about a baby named Jesus.

Trish: That's exactly right, Troy. Up first, we've got someone whose story changed history. And no, she's not trending on social media. Please welcome... **Mary of Nazareth!**

(Applause sign. Mary enters through the time machine door, smiling shyly. Trish & Troy stand to greet her.)

Trish: *(motioning to a chair)*

Mary, thank you so much for joining us. I have to say, you look radiant — very first-century chic.

Mary: *(smiling)*

Thank you, Trish. *(Mary sits)*

My wardrobe is mostly robes and sandals — timeless classics, really.

Trish: *(to audience, whispering)*

Somewhere, a fashion influencer just fainted.

(Trish & Troy sit)

(Soft Laughter sign.)

Troy: (*Disbelieving*)

So, Mary, let's get right to it. Word on the street — or should I say, scroll — is that you had a rather *miraculous* pregnancy?

Mary: (*blushing a little, hands folded*)

Yes, it was unlike anything I could ever have imagined. I was engaged to Joseph and planning our wedding when an angel of the Lord appeared to me. He said I would conceive a son by the Holy Spirit. It was just as the prophet Isaiah said — “*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.*”

Trish: (*leaning forward*)

Immanuel — That's an odd name. What does that mean?

Mary: (*nodding*)

It means “God with us”. God Himself promised to come down as a human baby to be among us.

Troy: (*to audience and skeptical*)

Wow, that's unbelievable! God... with us. That's no small announcement!

Mary: It was overwhelming at first. I was frightened, but the angel told me not to be afraid — that I had found favor with God. He said my son would be called *Jesus* — that He would be great, the Son of the Most High, and His kingdom would never end.

Trish: (*to Mary*) Wow. So you didn't just get a birth announcement — you got a

(*Soft Laughter sign.*)

Mary: (*smiling*)

Yes, you could say that. You see, God was keeping His promises — the same promises He made to Abraham, to David, and through the prophets. Every word He spoke was coming true.

Troy:

And how did you respond? I mean, that's a pretty big “ASK” for a young woman from Nazareth.

Mary: (*looking upward, peaceful*)

I said, “I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said.”

Trish: (*unsure*)

Hmmm... I admit that's kind of beautiful, Mary. You said “yes” when you didn't have all the answers — That takes a lot of faith!

Mary:

It isn't just about my faith. It is about *God's* faithfulness. He chose the humble to bring His salvation into the world—through our family that has a royal bloodline, but we are far from royalty ourselves.

Troy: *(turning to audience - doubtful)*

Wow, royal bloodlines, God coming down to earth as a baby? That's definitely a lot to digest.

(to Mary)

Okay Mary, well thank you for sharing your story

Mary:

Thank you, Trish...Troy.

And may everyone remember — this story isn't about me. It's about *God with us*, the same God who kept his promises then, still keeps his promises.

(Applause sign)

Trish: *(smiling at audience as Mary exits through the time machine door.)*

And that, my friends, is a pretty unbelievable story!

Troy: I agree, Trish. A miraculous birth, prophesy fulfillments, God with us? I'm not so sure all this could be true. I guess we'll just have to wait and see what our other guests have to say.

(Applause sign)

Scene 2 – Interview with Joseph

Trish:

Up next, we've got another guest straight from the pages of history — or should I say, the BIBLE. Please give it up for... **Joseph of Nazareth!**

(Applause sign)

(Joseph enters through the time machine door. Trish & Troy stand to greet him, smiling warmly. They all sit.)

Troy: *(leaning forward)*

Joseph, thank you for joining us. So, tell me — Nazareth or Bethlehem? I feel like the travel bloggers back then would've been confused.

Joseph: *(smiling)*

You could say that. I'm from Nazareth, but my family line goes all the way back to Bethlehem — King David's hometown. The prophets said the Messiah would be born there, and, well... thanks to a decree from Caesar Augustus, we all have to travel to our towns of origin to be counted. God's plans have a way of coming true right on schedule.

Trish:

So, a carpenter from Nazareth with royal roots from Bethlehem? You're like the original "humble influencer."

(Laughter sign.)

Joseph: *(chuckling)*

I don't know about that. I just work with wood and try to listen when God speaks.

Troy:

Speaking of listening... Let's talk about the moment when you found out Mary was expecting. That must've been... well... unexpected.

Joseph: *(nodding)*

It was. I was confused, even hurt. Mary is such a godly woman — but I didn't understand what was happening. I planned to quietly step away. I didn't want to bring shame on her.

Trish: *(sympathetically)*

That was really kind of you. Most people would've posted a dramatic rant on social media... if, you know, you'd had Wi-Fi.

Joseph: *(smiling)*

Yes, thankfully, no Wi-Fi in Nazareth. Just prayer and carpentry.

Troy: Fair enough! So, what happened next?!

Joseph: That night, I had a dream. An angel of the Lord appeared and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. What is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” He said I was to name the child Jesus, because He would save His people from their sins.

Trish: *(eyes wide, turns to audience)*

That’s the biggest birth announcement in history — and not even a gender reveal party!

(Laughter sign.)

Joseph: *(laughing softly)*

No, no balloons, no cake — just the holy presence of God and a command to trust Him.

Troy: *(astounded)*

So... umm... What did you do? That’s a pretty big request for a guy in your situation.

Joseph: I obeyed everything God was asking of me. I had faith that his plans were good. God’s Word had promised this for generations. And suddenly, I was part of the story. Not because I was powerful, but because God is faithful.

Trish: *(Questioning, but respectful)*

So you went from confused carpenter to caretaker of the Son of God? — talk about a supernatural destiny.

Joseph: *(smiling warmly)*

I didn’t understand everything, but I knew my job was to protect Mary, raise Jesus, and trust God every step of the way.

Troy: *(to audience, thoughtfully)*

Faith that obeys even when the plan doesn’t make sense — that’s real trust.

Joseph:

God’s plans often aren’t easy, but they’re always good. When He speaks, obedience is the safest place to be.

Trish: *(nodding and to audience)*

And that, my friends, is why Joseph might just be the patron saint of “trusting the process.”

(Soft Laughter sign as Joseph stands and nods.)

Trish: *(to Joseph)*

Thank you, Joseph — for reminding us that faith and obedience never go out of style. We had better send you on your way to buy a donkey and head off to Bethlehem with Mary.

(Joseph leaves the stage)

(Applause sign)

Troy:

And now, stay tuned — after the break, we've got shepherds, sheep, and more from the fields outside Bethlehem!

(Cue commercial.)

Scene 3 – Inn Keeper Ad

(Innkeeper, holding a scroll or small prop to “show” rooms OR screens. Optional: a “door” sign that says “Heroday Inn.” ENTERS stage left on lower platform)

Innkeeper: *(Big voice)*

Weary travelers! Are you tired of running from town to town with nowhere to rest? Well, have I got news for you! Welcome to **Heroday Inn**, where every guest is treated like royalty... or at least like royalty-in-training.

Innkeeper:

We have accommodations to fit everyone:

Helper: *(shouting)* Royal Suites

Innkeeper:— complete with feather pillows, flowing curtains, and a view of the stars. Perfect for the kings, queens, or very tired travelers.

Helper: *(shouting)* Hovel Inn

Innkeeper:— more rustic, for those who enjoy a “rustic charm” and maybe a little hay underfoot.

Helper: *(shouting)* The Stable

Innkeeper:— yes, sometimes the best experiences come in the most unexpected places. *(wink)* And who knows? That’s where history might just happen!

No reservations? No problem! There’s always room for travelers with faith, hope, and... maybe a donkey.

(Laughter sign)

Innkeeper:

Remember: sometimes God’s biggest plans show up where you least expect them. So come stay with us, rest your weary feet, and keep your eyes open — you never know who might be arriving tonight!

***(Applause sign).** (Innkeeper EXITS stage left .)*

Trish: *(center stage)*

Welcome back to The Time Machine Talk Show. We hope you're enjoying our Christmas special!

Troy: We're kicking off our next segment with some favorite Christmas music. Choir—take it away!

(T'n'T exit stage or go sit at desk)

SONG: ANGELS (GLORY TO GOD)

(Applause sign after performance)

Scene 4 – Breaking News of the Birth and Interview with the Shepherds

Trish: Wow choir, that was GREAT!

(touching her ear as if listening to an earbud - Excited)

We've just had some breaking news, ladies and gentlemen — straight from the first century! A baby has been born... and not just any baby — a KING promised from long ago!

Troy: Joining us now, some of the very first eyewitnesses — real shepherds from the hills outside Bethlehem! Please welcome... **Akiva the Shepherd, and his cousins Benjamin and Rachel.**

(Applause sign.)

(Akiva enters through the time machine door, along with Benjamin, Rachel, Jr. Shepherd, and various other shepherds with sheep, baa-ing softly. Trish and Troy laugh and shake their hands.)

Trish: Wow! This is quite the crew. Welcome everyone to The Time Machine Talk Show! Akiva, Tell us a little about yourself — what's life like as a shepherd?

Akiva: *(grinning, shrugging)*

Hi, Trish. Well, I spend most of my nights outside, keeping an eye on the sheep. It's not glamorous — lots of mud, cold air, and the occasional sheep stampede at 2 a.m. But hey, someone's got to do it.

Trish: *(feigning shock)*

A 2 a.m. stampede? Sounds like every parent of a toddler I know!

(Soft Laughter sign)

Troy: So, Rachel, tell us what happened that night. How did you — an ordinary shepherd — end up in the middle of the biggest event in history?

Rachel: It was just a normal night, Troy. We were keeping watch over the flock — swapping stories, maybe roasting a few locusts (which are gross by the way) — when suddenly, the sky exploded with light! Angels — real, shining, holy angels — appeared out of nowhere! The glory of the Lord was all around us, and we were terrified.

Trish: *(leaning forward shocked and wide-eyed)*

I bet! I mean a “Heavenly host” isn’t something you see on your average shift. What did the angels say?

Benjamin: *(taking the mic - animated)*

They said, “Do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy for all people! Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born — Christ the Lord!” It was like heaven itself broke open to make the announcement.

Kid shepherd: *(interrupting excitedly)*

They shouted “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill among men.”

Troy: *(turns to audience, incredulous & laughing)*

Did you catch that? They said “Good news of Great joy” for everyone. I wonder what news they were talking about?

Akiva: That’s what we wanted to know. So, we took off running for Bethlehem — well, some of us ran, some of us tripped over sheep *(looking at Benjamin pointedly. Benjamin shrugs and grins)* — but we made it. And just like the angel said, there He was: a baby wrapped in cloth, lying in a manger.

Trish: *(still incredulous and questioning)*

The King of Kings... in a feeding trough? That seems strange.

Rachel: *(awestruck)*

Yeah, it was a bit strange. We stood there in awe. The same God who made the stars... was right there, among the animals. We went from guarding sheep in the dead of night to worshipping the Shepherd of Souls.

Troy: That’s REALLY incredible. So, what did you do next?

Benjamin: *(smiling)*

Well, we couldn't keep it to ourselves — we told everyone we met what we'd seen. The Savior had come, just as the prophets said.

Trish:

You know, I think that's what amazes me most about this story. This announcement wasn't sent to kings or influencers — it was sent to shepherds in the dark.

Rachel: That's how God works — He lifts the lowly and fills the humble with joy. Even in the mess, even in the quiet fields, He shows up.

Troy: *(to audience, smiling)*

So wherever you are — whether it's a busy city or a muddy pasture — it seems that BIG announcements can happen to anyone.

Akiva: True! Don't miss what God is doing. His light still breaks through the darkness. The Savior has come — and He came for everyone.

Trish: Well, thank you Rachel, Akiva and Benjamin, for telling your story. Was there anything else noteworthy that you'd like to tell us before you return to your sheep?

Benjamin: Yes, there was an unusual star in the sky that seemed like it was just hanging over the stable where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were staying.

Troy: Wait, do you mean that there was a star in the sky that wasn't normally there?

Akiva: Yes, but you should ask the magi about that. We need to get back to the rest of the flock.

(Applause sign.)

(The shepherds wave and exit through the time machine door, followed by the "sheep.")

Trish: *(turns to Troy)*

Wow, that was a lot of excitement about midnight angels and the birth of a new King. It kind of makes me wonder why this Baby is so special...

(to audience)

Before our break, the choir is going to sing a classic Christmas carol—SILENT NIGHT. And after that, we'll find out more about that bright star.

Trish: *(turns to audience)*

Stay tuned — after the break, we'll meet the travelers who followed that bright star all the way from the East!

Troy: You won't want to miss it! I know I don't!

SONG: SILENT NIGHT

(Applause sign)

Scene 5 – Wool Products Ad (Updated)

(Shepherd 1 ENTERS stage left to the lower platform followed by other shepherds and 1 sheep modeling the wool products.)

Shepherd 1: Attention, first-century shoppers! Are your hands cold? Is your head chilly? Are your baby's little toes frosty? Don't worry — **Shepherds of the Fields** have you covered!

Shepherd 1: Cozy sweaters made from the softest sheep wool! *(modeled by Shepherd 2)*

Shepherd 1: Hats that could survive a camel ride across the desert! *(modeled by Shepherd 3)*

Shepherd 1: Baby blankets even tiny miracles would approve of! *(modeled by Shepherd 4)*

Shepherd 1: Fuzzy mittens to keep away the winter chill! *(modeled by a sheep)*

Shepherd 2: And yes, we even have cloaks for adults who want to look stylish while watching sheep. Trust me, nothing says “fashion icon” like wool straight from the flock.

Shepherd 3: But seriously, the best thing about our wool isn't just that it keeps you warm. It reminds us that God provides for even the smallest needs... and even the largest miracles.

Shepherd 4: Wrap up your family, keep warm, and remember the greatest gift of all — Jesus, who came to bring light, hope, and love to the world.

All: So come on down to **Shepherds of the Fields**!

(Applause sign)

(All exit stage left.)

Scene 6 – Interview with the Magi

Trish: *(touching pretend earpiece, as if hearing from producer)*

And we are back. Ladies and gentlemen, you are in for a treat. Our producers have tracked down some Elite scholars from the East — the Magi!

Troy: Please welcome... **Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper!**

(Applause sign.)

Balt, Mel, Casper ENTER—smile, wave and sit.)

Trish: Wow, Gentlemen, Those robes are quite spectacular. Truly Instagram-worthy. But setting fashion aside, we're here for the real story. You noticed a very unusual star in the sky. Tell us about it.

Balthasar: *(leaning forward, animated)*

Ah yes, the star. It was unlike anything we'd ever seen — bright, steady, and standing perfectly still for nights on end. Like God Himself had placed a giant celestial "location pin" in the heavens. My colleagues and I immediately knew something extraordinary was happening.

Troy: *(raising an eyebrow)*

And you just... packed up and followed a star? That seems... bold.

Balthasar: *(grinning, a touch playful)*

Well Troy, sometimes the biggest risks lead to the greatest blessings. We knew this journey wasn't about adventure alone. We brought gifts fit for a king — gold, frankincense, and myrrh — because we were traveling to worship the KING, the One who would bring salvation to all people.

Trish: *(leaning in)*

Wait — salvation? I thought this was just a royal baby.

Melchior: *(solemnly)*

No, Trish. This was no ordinary king. He came to bring peace, hope, and light to the world.

God's plan, foretold through the prophets, was unfolding before our eyes. That's why we followed the star: not to negotiate, not to conquer, but to worship Him.

Troy: *(Exchanging glances with Trish)*

Interesting... so did you go straight to Bethlehem. How does that work with a star to guide you anyway?

Casper: *(grinning)*

Well actually, we headed to Jerusalem first. We asked around for the babe that was born and told people that we had come to worship him. King Herod and all of the people in Jerusalem were disturbed by this. We sure stirred up a locust swarm there! We eventually learned that the prophesied savior was to be born in Bethlehem, so we high-tailed it out of Jerusalem and over to Bethlehem.

Trish: *(curious)*

You met King Herod? That must have been... complicated.

Casper: *(nodding, serious but calm)*

Indeed. Herod was... less than thrilled by our questions. But we followed God's guidance every step of the way. We visited the newborn King and, when the Lord warned us in a dream, we returned home by another route — keeping the child safe, exactly as God directed.

Troy: *(amazed)*

Wow! Even a powerful king couldn't stop God's plan.

Melchior: Exactly. King Herod was doing his best to take out any competition. But God protected Jesus and led us on the right path—just as was prophesied.

Casper: So here's the lesson: when God moves in your life, don't just admire the star — follow it. He offers His presence, His promises, and the joy of knowing Jesus.

Trish: *(turning to audience, smiling)*

And there you have it, folks—Wisdom from the East!

(Applause sign.)

(All magi stand, nod respectfully, and exit through the time machine door.)

Trish: You know Troy, I think I'm beginning to understand what all these people are saying. Jesus wasn't just an average baby.

Troy: I know what you mean, Trish. All these different people, from different places, and different occupations– they were all called to something pretty incredible. It can't just all be a coincidence, right?

Trish: No, I'm beginning to think it isn't.

(to audience) Stick around, next up, a very special guest from the royal palace.

Scene 7 – Interview with King Herod and Gabriel

(Herod enters through the time machine door.

(Applause sign) *Herod might even call the sign holder to the stage for the applause sign?*

Trish curtsies, Troy bows, then step back as Herod sits. T'n'T stay standing)

Trish: And now, on the *Time Machine Talk Show*, we have a very special debate, about the future of the baby king who's already making history! Please welcome... **King Herod!**

Herod: Yes, thank you Trish, Troy. You may sit down. *(T'n'T sit)*

Troy: Welcome, King Herod. It is an honor to be speaking with you today.

Herod: *(with arrogance)*

Yes, of course it is. What can I do for you two?

Trish: *(nervously)*

Well, King Herod, the people would like to hear how you feel about this baby that was born in Bethlehem and rumored to be a future king.

Herod: Yes, well I would love to know where he is. *(sinisterly)* Do you know his location?

Trish: *(shrugs, smiling)*

Sorry, Your Majesty. That's top secret... part of God's perfect plan. *(winks at Troy)*

Herod: *(suspicious, leaning forward)*

Very well. But tell me... why would God allow a baby of a couple of nobodies to become king? Especially since there is already a perfectly capable king already on the throne. That's me, by the way. King *Herod*.

(Soft Laughter sign)

Troy: Yes, you are definitely the King of Judea. But King Herod, we've heard a rumor that you have ordered the death of all boy children under the age of 2 in Bethlehem and surrounding areas. Is this true?

Herod: *(surprised but confident)*
Who said that? Who is your source?

Trish: My source is chapter 31 of the ancient scrolls of Jeremiah, the prophecy being proved true in the book of Matthew.

Herod: *(frustrated and getting heated)*
I am only trying to protect my kingdom and reign! But I can see that my greatness will not be remembered in the future as it should be.

(Gabriel enters, not through the time machine)

Troy: It seems we have another guest who will be joining us. King Herod, Ladies and Gentlemen—please give a warm welcome to... What is your name?

Gabriel: I am Gabriel, the Archangel, a messenger from God.

(Applause sign)

(Trish, Troy and Herod all stand to shake hands with Gabriel who enters from the other side – NOT through the time machine door. TnT hesitate before sitting, watching the other two. Gabriel sits first and casually. Herod frowns and sits next but stiffly, then TnT quickly sit.)

Trish: *(in awe)* Welcome, Gabriel.

Gabriel: Thank you, Trish.

Herod: *(interrupting suspiciously)*
So, who exactly are you again?

Troy: *(ignoring Herod, amazed by Gabriel's entrance)*
Gabriel, I noticed that you did not enter through the time machine.

Herod: *(interrupting again)*
Hey! Who exactly are you?!

Gabriel: *(Gabriel leans forward, calm and radiant.)*

Greetings, Herod. God sent me to remind you: this child is no ordinary king. He comes to bring salvation, love, and eternal life — not to rule earthly thrones.

Herod: *(eyes wide, confused, to Gabriel)*

Salvation? Eternal life? **LOVE?!** What does that have to do with me? I am no ordinary king! I won't let this baby get away with this treason!

Gabriel: *(peaceful but firm)*

Herod, calm yourself. *(To Herod and audience)* God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that anyone who believes would not perish but have everlasting life. This isn't about earthly power — it's about people, love, and God's perfect plan.

Herod: *(starting to panic)*

But I have sons! They can rule when I'm done... ruling!

Gabriel: Your earthly kingdom will end, but God's kingdom lasts forever. Jesus came to save, not to conquer.

Herod: *(Herod jumps up, flustered.)* This is ridiculous! I have things to do, babies to find, kingdoms to rule. I don't have time for these riddles! I'm outta here!

(Herod runs off through the time machine door)

Trish: *(to audience,)*

Well, that's one way to exit a talk show...

Troy: *(turning to Gabriel)*

Gabriel, I take it you won't be following him?

Gabriel: *(laughs softly)*

His "king" issues are between him and God. *(to audience)* But for everyone else here today: God's salvation is for you. Jesus came to bring light into a dark world, and His salvation is for anyone who believes in Him and wants to be rescued.

Trish: *(hands folded, reverent)*

And there you have it, folks — the ultimate showdown with the ultimate message. Jesus' family escaped safely. He grew to fulfill His mission, and now sits at the right hand of God, bringing hope and salvation to the world.

Troy: I think I get it now. Thank you Gabriel, for helping me understand that Jesus came to save me on that silent night, so long ago.

(Gabriel exits gracefully. T'nT turn to audience.)

Trish: Thank you to all of our musical and first century guests that helped shared the truth of what happened thousands of years ago in that little town of Bethlehem.

Trish: And thank you to our audience for joining us for our holiday edition of the Time Machine Talk Show.

Troy: We hope you enjoyed our guests and will join us again. Choir—take it away.

SONG: THE KING IS IN THE ROOM