

## *Missing the Message*

In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright brothers were successful in getting their “flying machine” off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: “We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas.”

Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, “How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas.”

He totally missed the big news – man had flown!

Many people today make a similar mistake when they hear the word, Christmas. They don’t think of Jesus and His miraculous birth. Instead, they think of family gatherings, festive meals, decorations and gifts. To them, Christmas brings nostalgia and memories of childhood.

Family celebrations are wonderful, but if that’s all Christmas means to us, we are missing its true significance.

--Beecher Hunter