The Seekers, The Scrooge, and The Savior

Matthew 2:1-18

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Christ (Mic 5:2)	Christ (Mic 5:2)
2. Interviewed the magi to determine when the s first appeared (used it to	
calculate the maximum age of the Christ)	
3. Pretended to be a w of Christ	
4. Primary purpose – to k the Christ to preserve his throne.	4. Primary purpose – to k the Christ to preserve his throne.
	The result
1. A massive slaughter of c	

2. The Christ child unharmed because of	God's w to Joseph.
3. Herod went to his grave thinking he w	as successful
•Who are the scrooges of today?	
1. Those who only think about	(inward attitude indicates this)
2. Those who see Christ as un	(lifestyle indicates this)
The Savior	
●There is only one Savior – J	(Acts 4:12; I Jn 4:14)
•There is only one compelling force that can	n change the heart –
the H or the Holy Spirit (Jn	16:8).
• Have you thanked the Savior for His gift of	f grace?