圣诞节-4 CHRISTMAS-4

- Hello, listening friends.
 亲爱的朋友,你好!
- What a delight it is to know that you are on the other side listening to this program. 很高兴你能在收音机旁边收听这个节目。
- We have been celebrating Christmas by talking about the birth of Jesus.
 这一向我们都在谈论耶稣基督降生的事,来 庆祝圣诞节。
- And we will continue to do the same today.
 今天就让我们继续下去。
- The Bible said...that there were wise men...who came from afar to Jerusalem saying: 圣经说:有几位博士从很远的地方来到耶路 撤冷,说:
- 6. "Where is that newborn King of the Jews for we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."
 "那生下来作犹太人之王的在那里?我们在东方看见祂的星,特来拜祂。"
- The reason these men are called "wise"...is because they have responded to the call of God...through a star. 这些人被称为"博士"或"有智慧的人", 是因为他们随着一颗星的指引,回应了神的 呼唤。
- They came to worship the one and only God who had come in human body. 他们前来敬拜那位道成肉身,唯一的真神。
- Listening friends, listen very carefully to what I am going to tell you 亲爱的朋友,请留心听我说。
- 10. Foolishness is the opposite of wisdom. 智慧的相反就是愚昧。
- If wisdom is the responding to the call of God,... 如果回应神的呼唤是智慧的表现,
- then foolishness is a rejection and the indifference to the Christ of Christmas.
 那么拒绝和漠视耶稣基督就很愚昧了,耶稣 基督就是圣诞节的主人公。

- And just as God used a star to communicate to these astrologers the "Good News" of Christ: 昔日神用一颗星告诉这些星相学家有关耶稣 基督的福音,
- Today he uses human stars... 今天祂用人为的星,
- 15. he uses events and circumstances. 祂使用环境和所发生的事件,
- he uses his Word, the Bible. 祂也用祂自己的话语,就是圣经。
- The wise will receive it and obey it... 有智慧的人会接受它并遵行它的教训,
- but the foolish will reject it and ignore it. 但是愚昧的人就拒绝它和漠视它的教导。
- Wisdom is at a premium these days. 今天人们高举智慧。
- Wisdom is getting scarce in our generation. 但这个世代,智慧愈来愈稀罕。
- Yet, we desperately need it today more than any other time in history.
 可是,今天我们对它的需要,比历史上任何 一个世代更加迫切。
- Now I want you to contrast these wise men of the Bible,... 现在请你将圣经中所讲的这几位博士,
- with a group of other men who were in a boat on the coast of England. 跟英伦海岸边一艘船上的人作个比较。
- 24. It was some time ago... 几年前,
- when there was one of those famous gale storms that are known to sweep the coast.
 这里的海岸常受飓风吹袭,那时有一股风暴 横扫海岸一带。
- A ship was wrecked and was sending a distress signal.
 有一艘船遇难,发出求救讯号。
- As soon as the distress signal was heard,... 当接收到求救讯号之后,

- a gallant life boat crew started speedily answering the call. 一艘英勇的救生艇马上作出回应。
- On reaching the wreck,... 当他们赶到船只出事地点时,
- the lifeboat crew witnessed a scene of horror and deprivation.
 救生艇上的人员亲眼看见可怕而悲惨的一 幕。
- The captain of the ill-fated vessel... 原来这艘遇难船只的船长,
- 32. was totally drunk. 喝得酩酊大醉。
- 33. He was standing on board and would not enter the lifeboat.他站在夹板上,不肯上救生艇。
- This madman refused to avail himself of the messengers of mercy sent to him in that moment of imminent danger. 在危难中,他像疯子似的拒绝那些仁慈的救 生员的救助。
- Unlike the Wise Men from the East at the birth of Jesus,... 不像那些在耶稣出生时从东方来的博士,
- this drunk captain would not respond to the star sent to him to lead him to salvation.
 这个喝醉了的船长不肯对差来的救星作出回 应,尽管这颗星可以带给他拯救。
- 37. But that is not all: 不仅是这样,
- Not only would he not enter into the lifeboat himself... 不但他自己不肯上救生艇。
- 39. but he also drew his revolver, threatening to shoot the first man who would dare to jump from the sinking wreck into the lifeboat.
 他还拔出手枪威吓说,谁敢第一个从即将沉 没的船上跳进救生艇的话,就射杀他。
- 40. All the entreating of the coast guard was in vain.
 海岸警卫队的队员,无论怎样劝说都徒劳无功。
- 41. The drunkard captain was bent, not only on his own destruction,...

这个喝醉了的船长一意孤行,不单害了自 己,

- 42. but also the destruction of his crew, stubbornly refusing to leave the shipwreck.
 也害了他的船员,他顽固地拒绝离开已损坏的船。
- 43. Six of the crewmen who were also drunk joined the captain in his foolish refusal to enter the lifeboat.
 船上另外六个同样喝醉了的水手加入船长的 阵线,愚蠢地拒绝登上救生艇。
- 44. Finally and reluctantly, the Captain of the lifeboat ordered his men to head back to shore. 最后在不得已之下,救生艇的艇长只好下令 撤回岸边。
- 45. They took with them the precious few who dared to defy their Captain's wrath.
 他们只救到寥寥几个敢于违抗船长怒气的人。
- As the lifeboat was heading back to shore... 当救生艇驶回岸边时,
- 47. about halfway... 半途中,
- 48. there was a lull in the storm and over the waters came a wailing cry: 暴风雨稍为转弱,水面传来哀号声:
- 49. "Lifeboat!"… "Lifeboat!"… "Lifeboat!" "救生艇" …… "救生艇" …… "救生 艇" ……
- Once more the gallant men pushed off toward the wreck.
 那些英勇的救生员再次驶回遇难的船那儿。
- 51. But alas... it was too late. 可是,已经太迟了。
- 52. The wretched Captain and six men had sunk beneath the boiling surf. 那可怜又愚昧的船长和六个船员都淹没在汹 涌的波涛下。
- 53. They had vainly called for the rejected lifeboat when it was too late.
 他们曾经拒绝拯救,如今再向救生艇求救为时已晚,没有用了。
- 54. The day of the first Christmas... 第一个圣诞日,
- 55. was more than just the day a baby was born of a virgin in Bethlehem.
 那一天在伯利恒,不单有一个婴孩从童贞女 而生。

- 56. The day of the first Christmas... 第一个圣诞日,
- 57. was God's sending of a lifeboat to humanity. 神差遣了一艘救生艇来拯救人类。
- 58. The day of the first Christmas... 第一个圣诞日,
- 59. was God's rescue mission to humanity. 神向人类展开救赎行动。
- It was God's rescue mission from sin... guilt... death and destruction.
 那就是神拯救人脱离过犯、罪恶、死亡和毁 灭的救赎任务。
- God became flesh in order that we may enter into heaven and be saved from hell. 神成为肉身是要叫我们借着祂得以进天堂, 免受地狱的煎熬。
- And these wise men responded by coming and worshiping Jesus.
 这些博士作出回应,前来朝拜耶稣基督。
- 63. What type of star was it? 那颗星是哪一类的星?
- 64. What shape star was it?那颗星的形状是什么样子的?
- 65. How bright was the star? 那颗星有多亮?
- 66. All of this does not matter, any more than the shape or the type of lifeboat that was seeking to rescue the foolish seamen.
 这一切都不重要,就好像那艘要去拯救愚昧 船员的救生艇的形状或类型,并不重要。
- 67. What matters is that they followed and obeyed the direction of the star. 重要的是他们愿意跟随并顺服星的指引。
- 68. They did not waste their time analyzing it. 他们没有浪费时间来分析它。
- 69. They did not waste their time studying it. 他们没有浪费时间来研究它。
- They did not waste their time speculating on its nature.
 他们没有浪费时间去考究它的性质。
- They did not waste their time comparing it with other stars.
 他们没有浪费时间将它跟别的星比较。
- 72. They did not waste their time doubting its reality.他们没有浪费时间去怀疑它的真实性。

- 73. They did not waste their time merely admiring it. 他们没有浪费时间光是欣赏它。
- 74. They did not waste their time waiting for more evidence.他们没有浪费时间以等待更多的证据。
- They followed the star's leading. 他们跟随星的带领。
- 76. They went where the star took them. 星带他们去那儿,他们就去那儿。
- 77. They went in obedience responding to its leading. 他们顺服地跟随它的带领。
- Perhaps there is a star in your life... 也许在你生命中有一颗星,
- 79. a star that is trying to point you to the King of Kings,...是要带领你到万王之王那儿的一颗星,
- A star that is trying to point you to the only lifeboat out of future destruction.
 这颗星要带你到那唯一能救你脱离未来毁灭 的救生艇那儿。
- 81. Perhaps there is a star that is trying to point you to the only one who can give your life meaning and satisfaction.
 也许有一颗星要带你到全能者那儿,唯有祂 才可以给你有意义和满足的生命。
- 82. Perhaps there is a star that is trying to point you to the only one who will fill the empty void that you have.
 也许有一颗星要带你到全能者那儿,唯有祂 才能填满你内心的空虚。
- 83. Perhaps that star in your life is your mother or your father.
 也许你生命中的星,就是你的父亲或是你的母亲。
- 84. Perhaps it is one of your children. 也许是你的一个儿女。
- 85. Perhaps it is a brother or a sister. 也许是你的兄弟或姊妹。
- 86. Perhaps it is a wife or a husband. 也许是你的妻子或是你的丈夫。
- 87. Perhaps it is a friend or a companion. 也许是你的朋友或是伙伴。
- 88. These stars in your life have prayed for you. 你生命中的这些星一直为你祷告。

- 89. They have pointed the way to you. 他们为你指出一条路。
- 90. They have tried to lead you to the only One who can save your soul.
 他们尝试把你带到那位可以拯救你灵魂的全能者那儿。
- 91. O, this day can be the day in which you say, "yes" to Jesus.
 今天就是你要对主耶稣说"我愿意"的日子。
- 92. The baby in the manger... miraculously born of a virgin... was God of Very God.
 卧在马槽中从童贞女而生的婴孩就是那位又 真又活的神。
- 93. "I am the way, the only way..." "我就是道路,唯一的道路……"
- 94. "I am the truth, the ultimate truth..." "我就是真理,绝对的真理……"
- 95. "I am the only life giver, including eternal life.""我就是那位给予生命的唯一主宰,包括永 生。"
- 96. "I am the only one who is your lifeboat in the midst of the deadly storm of life."
 "我就是那唯一的救主,也就是把你从生命 暴风雨中拯救出来的救生艇。"
- 97. "I am the only one who can transform your life and give it meaning and fulfillment and identity."
 "我就是那唯一的主,也就是能改变你的生命,成为有意义且丰盛的独特生命。"
- 98. My listening friends, let me entreat you today: 亲爱的朋友,今天让我恳求你:
- Don't waste your time running after or following other stars... 不要浪费你的时间追寻或跟随其他的星,
- 100. they will only lead you to destruction. 它们只会带你走向灭亡。
- 101. Self-absorption...and self-gratification...will only lead you to diseases and mental disorder. 自我专注、和自我满足,只会让你生病和精 神失常。
- 102. Seeking after temporary pleasures will lead you to emptiness and despondency.
 寻求短暂的欢乐,将会使你感到空虚和沮丧。

- 103. Be wise this day. 今天你要聪明一点。
- 104. Follow the star that will lead you to the only One who really loves you.
 跟随那颗会把你带到真正爱你的永生神那儿 的星。
- 105. He loves you even when you ignore Him. 纵然你漠视这位真神, 祂仍然爱你。
- 106. He loves you even when you reject Him. 纵然你拒绝这位真神, 祂仍然爱你。
- 107. He loves you even when you defy Him. 纵然你叛逆这位真神, 祂仍然爱你。
- He loves you even when you could not love yourself. 纵然你自己也不能爱你自己,祂仍然爱你。
- 109. With an outstretched arm He is saying to you: 祂伸开双手,对你说:
- 110. "Come to me... "到我这里来吧!
- 111. all who are empty and I will fill you." 所有空虚的人,我会填满你的心。"
- 112. "Come to me... "到我这里来吧!
- 113. all who are ready to give up on life...I will give it meaning and purpose." 所有对人生感到失望的人,我将赐予你生命 的意义和目标。"
- 114. "Come to me... "到我这里来吧!
- 115. all who are trying so hard but your efforts...are leading you nowhere." 你已尽了最大的努力,却一事无成。"
- 116. "Come, for I have been waiting for you...""来吧,我一直在等待你,"
- 117. "I have sent you one message after another" "我不断的呼唤、传达信息给你"
- 118. "Today, hear my clear and unequivocal message of love because I will not wait forever."
 "今天就留心听我清楚明确的爱的信息,因为我不会一直等下去。"
- 119. Just like that lifeboat in the story which had to depart at some point,
 就像刚才那故事中的救生艇一样,到了不得
 不离开的地步,

- 120. in the same way, the Bible says that the day is coming when God's door of mercy will be shut.
 同样,圣经也说,神恩典的门将要关闭,那
 日子越来越近了。
- 121. When that happens, where will you be? 到那日来临时, 你会在那里?
- 122. There is no telling how long it took these Wise Men to come from Persia or even possibly further East all the way to Jerusalem.
 我们不晓得那些从波斯或更远地方来的东方 博士要走多久才到达耶路撒冷。
- 123. Travel was difficult in those days. 古时候,长途跋涉并不是容易的事。
- 124. There were hostile tribes along the way. 半途会遇到怀有敌意的部落。
- 125. There were broad rivers like the Tigress and Euphrates to be crossed. 还要横渡像底格里斯和幼发拉底般广阔的河 流。
- 126. There were trackless deserts to penetrate. 要深入无迹可寻的沙漠。
- 127. Yet they came to Jesus... 他们仍然来到耶稣的跟前 ······
- 128. they followed his loving signal. 他们跟随衪爱的讯号。
- 129. You too must come to Him no matter what it costs you.
 无论要付上多大代价,你也必须来到祂跟前。
- 130. Is it going to cost you your friends? 那怕是失去你的朋友?
- God will give you new and loving friends.
 神要给你新的、爱你的朋友。
- 132. Is it going to cost you giving up alcohol? 那怕是戒掉醉酒的陋习?
- 133. The spirit of God will fill you with love and joy so that you won't need any other substance.
 神的灵让你心里充满了爱和喜乐,以致你不再需要其他东西。
- 134. Is it going to cost you a lifestyle that you know is wrong and plaguing you with guilt?
 那怕是要你放弃某种生活方式?而你深知道 这种生活是不对的,并且会被罪疚感缠绕。
- 135. God will free you and release you from its grip. 神要把你从中释放出来。

- 136. Will you come today and enter into God's lifeboat, the Christ of Christmas?
 今天你愿不愿意登上神的救生艇,就是圣诞节所纪念的耶稣基督。
- 137. When the Wise Men finally came to Jerusalem they went about asking, "Where is the newborn King?"
 当那些博士终于来到耶路撒冷,他们到处问: "新生王在那儿?"
- 138. Most of the citizens in Jerusalem, rich or poor...did not understand what they were talking about.
 耶路撒冷大部份的居民,不论贫富,都不明 白他们所问的。
- 139. They were all thinking that King Herod was their king.他们全都以为希律就是他们的王。
- 140. Herod wanted no competition for his throne. 希律不容许有人威胁他的王位。
- 141. It is very much the same today... nothing has changed.
 今天也是一样,并没有什么改变。
- 142. Although Jesus, the King of Kings was born 2000 years ago... 虽然耶稣基督,万王之王在两千年前已经降 生,
- 143. and we have all the historical evidence that we need about him,... 而我们也有历史的证据,足以证明有关耶稣 基督的事,
- 144. although we have singularly been blessed by Him,... 虽然我们得天独厚,享受神的赐福,
- 145. don't try to find Jesus in the main square of the city... 却不要在城市的闹区中寻找耶稣,
- 146. they know Him not there. 那里的人不认识祂。
- 147. But seek Him in His word... 倒要在祂的话语中寻找祂,
- 148. for He is to be found in the pages of this sacred book.因为在圣经中,我们就可以找到耶稣。
- 149. This book will tell you that the baby was none other than God Incarnate... 这本书告诉你,那婴孩就是神,道成肉身,
- 150. God in human flesh. 神来到世界成为人。

- 151. The Bible will tell you that Jesus was born to die a violent death.
 圣经告诉你耶稣降世为人,并且将受酷刑而 死。
- 152. Why? 为什么?
- 153. So that He may pay for the penalty of your sin...

这样, 祂便为你的罪付上赎价,

- 154. and build the bridge between you and His father. 在你和父神之间筑起一座桥梁。
- 155. He died so that He may make it possible for you and for me to call God, "Our Father." 祂的死让你和我可以称神为"我们的天父"。
- 156. He died so that He may make it possible for you and for me to live the life of ultimate fulfillment...
 祂的死让你和我可以过一个丰盛的人生,
- 157. and then spend eternity with Him. 且将来与祂永远同在。
- 158. When the Wise Men finally came to Jesus: 当那些博士终于来到耶稣的跟前,
- 159. Their perplexity was over. 他们不再困惑。
- 160. Their search was over. 他们不用再寻觅。
- 161. Their frustration was over. 他们不再沮丧。
- 162. They had found life's ultimate fulfillment. 他们找到了人生的最终目标。
- 163. That same peace and joy can be yours today 今天你也可以得着同样的平安和喜乐。
- 164. You can say goodbye to searching. 你可以向"寻觅"告别。
- 165. You can say goodbye to perplexity. 你可以向"困惑"告别。
- 166. You can say goodbye to frustration. 你可以向"沮丧"告别。
- 167. When Jesus Christ is born in your heart today, 今天当耶稣基督进入你的心中,
- 168. you will be a new creature. 你就是一个新造的人。

- 169. To you, He will not be just the Lord of the universe... 对你来说,祂不单单是宇宙的主宰,
- 170. but He becomes your Lord,... and the Lord of your life. 祂将成为你的神,和你生命之主。
- 171. He will be your guide... 祂是你的引导,
- 172. He will be your rudder... 祂是你的舵手,
- 173. even in the midst of the choppy waters of circumstances. 就算你陷在水深火热当中。
- 174. Will you respond to His call of rescue? 你愿意接受神的拯救吗?
- 175. Will you say yes to Jesus? 你愿意回答耶稣吗?
- 176. Will you say... "Come Lord Jesus, be born in my heart today."
 你说: "主耶稣啊,今天请进到我的心里来。"
- 177. it is our prayer that your answer would be yes 我们祈望你会回答说"是的"。
- until next time I wish you God's richest blessing.
 愿神大大的赐福给你,下次节目再会。