Advent 2022 Week #4	
DRAMA **Bad, Worse, Worst** **By Martyn Scott Thomas** © Copyright 2021 by Martyn Scott Thomas. All rights reserved. Used by permission.	
Topic:	Sin
Scripture:	John 3:16; Romans 5:6-11
Synopsis:	The troubles of this world are contrasted with the Christmas story.
Characters:	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3
Props/Costumes:	None.
Setting:	Bare stage.
Running time:	2 minutes

[*Readers 1 and 2 should be on one side of the stage. Reader 3 should be on the opposite side. Lines should be read slowly and deliberately, not rushed.*]

Reader 1: Garden.

Reader 2: Apple.

Reader 1: Self.

Reader 2: Pride.

Reader 3: Promise.

Reader 1: Sin.

Reader 2: Suffering.

Reader 1: Punishment.

Reader 2: Death.

Reader 3: Life.

Reader 1: War.

Reader 2: Famine.

Reader 1: Pestilence.

Reader 2: Disease.

Reader 3:   Mary.

Reader 1:   Crime.

Reader 2:   Violence.

Reader 1:   Rape.

Reader 2:   Murder.

Reader 3:   Joseph.

Reader 1:   Earthquakes.

Reader 2:   Tornadoes.

Reader 1:   Hurricanes.

Reader 2:   Drought.

Reader 3:   Manger.

Reader 1:   Thieves.

Reader 2:   Liars.

Reader 1:   Cheaters.

Reader 2:   Bullies.

Reader 3:   Angels.

Reader 1:   Racism.

Reader 2:   Slavery.

Reader 1:   Bigotry.

Reader 2:   Hatred.

Reader 3:   Shepherds.

Reader 1:   Law.

Reader 2:   Altar.

Reader 1:   Sacrifice.

Reader 2:   Blood.

Reader 3:   Baby.

[*pause – change of tone*]

Reader 1:   You see, at just the right time,

Reader 2:   when we were still powerless,

Reader 3:   Christ died for the ungodly.

Reader 1:   When we needed him most,

Reader 2:   God sent his only son,

Reader 3:   as a baby in a manger.

Reader 1:   Whoever believes in him

Reader 2:   shall not perish

Reader 3:   but have everlasting life.

[*Blackout*]