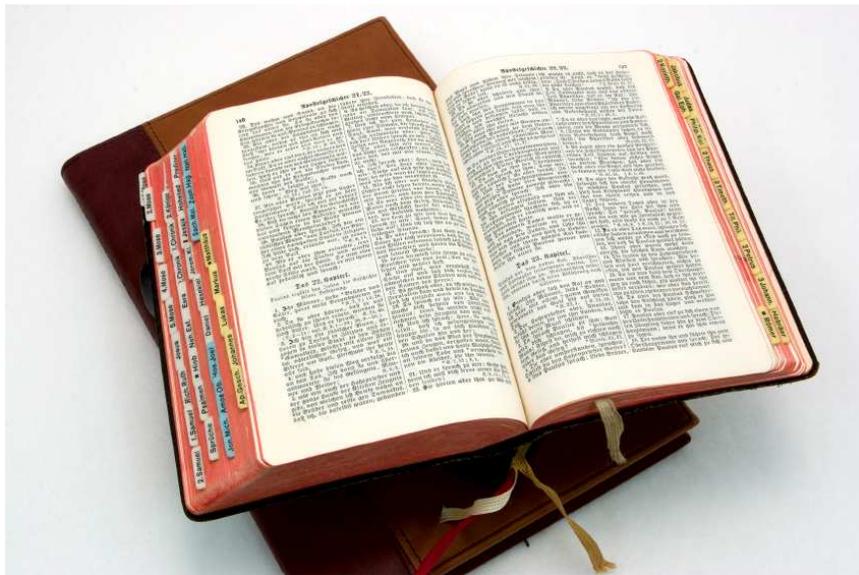


Was Jesus Really Born

On December 25th?

And Does It Even Matter?



Ever Wonder What
The Bible Says About Christmas?

Jeremiah 10: 2—4 **Thus says the Lord:** Do not learn the way of the nations...(some versions say heathen, or gentile, all versions mean unbeliever) it's very plain God did not want His people to learn the customs of those who did not believe in Him nor worship Him.

Luke's account of the birth of Jesus, says that the Shepherds were living out in the fields with their flocks, (Luke 2:8). Now Bethlehem was in Judea, a country which we now call Israel, and they also experience winter. Their temperatures can get below freezing and they have even been known to receive snow. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't want to be living outside and sleeping on the ground in those conditions.

Luke 2:10—12, tells us that the Shepherds, NOT the wise men found Jesus “wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in the manger”. Matthew 2:2 tells us wise men from the East came to Jerusalem. It does not tell us how many wise men came there, we only know there was more than one, there could have been a hundred. We do know that they brought three (3) gifts, Matthew 2:11, when they had come into the **house**, they saw the young child (no longer an infant) with His mother; they fell down and worshiped Him. When they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

I'm not trying to make light of His birth, as His birth was extremely important, but I'm also sure if He wanted us to remember His birthday there would have been a clearer record of it. He did tell us to remember His death and when it was. Matthew 26:2 **“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified”**. Now the **Passover is the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight** Exodus 12:6, 14; Leviticus 23:5. The first month in God's calendar is late March to mid April.

The Bible lets us know that Jesus was approximately 30 years old when He began His ministry, Luke 3:23 and most Theologians agree that His ministry lasted 3½ years, making Him 33½ years old. If you add six months to late March or mid April (His next birthday) you come up with late September to mid October, and you're very likely to find Shepherds in the fields with their flocks in September and October, and folks that's a far cry from December 25th.

God wants His people to walk the straight and narrow path. He tells us the gate to salvation is narrow and few find it. Satan on the other hand doesn't care by how much you miss the mark, just that you miss it.

The celebrations of Christmas were originally the celebrations of the winter solstice, a practice done by unbelievers of God, (called sun worshippers) long before the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People say well it's harmless, it's a joyous time of year, and it's only for the kids.

Jesus asks; "**Why do you also transgress (sin) the commandment (law) of God because of your tradition?**" Matthew 15:3; "**For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do. All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition**". Mark 7:8--9.

Still others say "Put Christ back into Christmas", I ask how can you put something or someone back into something when it was never there to begin with?

Here is a little something to ponder...a comparison of sorts.....check out the names below, compare the letters in their names and their likenesses....

Satan

Associated with the color red
Associated with a fiery pit
Is a deceiver, a liar, and
the father of lies. John 8:44

Santa

Wears a red suit
Said to come down a chimney
Is a lie, he does not exist.

I ask again was the man who shed His blood and died for our salvation, that we may have the opportunity for eternal life, born on December 25th? Does the celebration matter? It is truly something to think about and something for you to decide. Your eternal life could depend on it.