

Christmas Quiz

SAY: There are a lot of things people believe about the Biblical story of Jesus' birth that just aren't true but they've become a part of Christmas and every Christmas you see them on TV shows, on Christmas cards and other places. So we want to find out how much you really know about the Bible's story of Jesus' birth.

- 1. Was Jesus born on Christmas Day or do we have Christmas Day because Jesus was born?**

Answer: We have Christmas because Jesus was born.

- 2. Was Jesus really born on December 25?**

Answer: We actually don't know the date of Jesus' birth but for the shepherds to be so close to Bethlehem it would have likely been sometime in the spring. Christmas was put on December 25 as a celebration of Jesus' birth, not as a way of saying that it happened on this certain day.

- 3. Mary and Joseph were already married when Mary became pregnant?**

- a. True
- b. False

Answer: False. Remember, Joseph wasn't Jesus' real father. Jesus is God's Son. Joseph just had the honor of raising him.

- 4. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?**

- a. The angel
- b. Mary's mom
- c. King Herod
- d. Caesar Augustus
- e. A Wise Man
- f. The Bible
- g. There's nothing in the Bible about this.

Answer: Caesar Augustus gave a decree for a census.

- 5. What is a census?**

- a. Something you put a Christmas candle on
- b. Something that you eat soup out of
- c. Something like a calculator
- d. A count of the people

Answer: A count of the people

6. Where was Joseph from?

- a. Bethlehem
- b. Jerusalem
- c. Nazareth
- d. Egypt
- g. None of the above

Answer: Nazareth

7. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?

- a. By Camel
- b. They walked
- c. By Donkey
- d. Mary rode; Joseph walked
- e. The Bible doesn't say

Answer: The Bible doesn't say how they traveled.

8. Where was Jesus born?

- a. Stable
- b. Manger
- c. Cave
- d. Barn
- e. Room
- f. None of the above

Answer: A stable, which was many times a part of a cave-like structure.

9. What is a manger?

- a. Stable for animals
- b. Wooden hay bin
- c. Feeding trough
- d. Some kind of barn
- e. Old hospital bed
- f. We don't know.

Answer: A feeding trough.

10. How many wise men were there?

- a. 3
- b. 6
- c. 9
- d. 39
- e. None
- f. We don't know.

Answer: We don't know. The Bible doesn't say how many there were.

They brought three gifts but there could have been many more than three in the group.

11. When did the wise men arrive?

- a. The night before Jesus' birth
- b. The day of Jesus' birth
- c. Just after Jesus' birth
- d. When Jesus was a young child

Answer: The wise men probably didn't arrive for a long time after Jesus' birth. They followed the star but they were not there on the night of His birth. In the story about the wise men, the Bible refers to Jesus as a "child", the word for which has the idea of a young child. After the wise men left and didn't report back to Herod, he killed all the boy children under the age of 2 in Bethlehem because, based on when the star had appeared, he wanted to make sure that he had killed this new "King of the Jews". In other words, when the wise men arrived Jesus was younger than two but definitely not a newborn.