

QUESTIONS

- 1) From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?
- 2) What was the title of the first Christmas TV special Peanuts cartoon where Linus expounds on Luke 2:8-14?
- 3) What color are the berries of the mistletoe plant?
- 4) What is the name of the cake traditionally eaten in Italy at Christmas?
- 5) What is the chemical formula of snow?
- 6) What is the English title of the carol written in 1818 by Austrian priest Josef Mohr originally called Stille Nacht?
- 7) Which Christmas carol includes the lyrics '...To save us all from Satan's power, when we were gone astray'?
- 8) Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
- 9) True or False: Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they were following a star.
- 10) What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem?
- 11) Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
- 12) In the accounts announcing the birth of Christ (Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and 2) how many times did an angel or angels appear?
- 13) Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
- 14) Can you list 5 names of Jesus found in the Bible?
- 15) What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel?
- 16) Why did Jesus come?
- 17) The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?
- 18) What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
- 19) When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?

- 20) How many wise men or kings or magi came to see Jesus?
- 21) Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?
- 22) How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
- 23) What are the three gifts which are mentioned being given by the wise men?
- 24) Which emperor ordered all the young children be killed?
- 25) Is anyone good enough to go to Heaven?
- 26) What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?
- 27) What was the name of the unkind innkeeper who would not allow the pregnant Mary to lodge in his inn?
- 28) What is the name of the priest who was told he would not die until he saw the Savior?
- 29) Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?
- 30) Can a person know if he is going to Heaven?

ANSWERS

- in the story Herod ordered all the children aged 2 years and younger to be killed. Therefore, Jesus was at least a month old and not yet 2 years old. Matthew 2:9-18.
- 23) Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11.
- 24) This was Herod. He ordered all the children in Bethlehem and the outlying areas who were 2 years old and younger to be killed. However, Jesus and His family had already moved to Egypt (Matthew 2:13).
- 25) "There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10 Everyone has broken God's Law either in heart or deed at one time or another. We have all lied, stolen, lusted or coveted. See Exodus 20. Will you be guilty on Judgment Day? If you have broken any of His Law, God sees you as guilty. The Bible

warns that if you are guilty you will end up in Hell.

- 26) In the New Testament accounts of Christ's birth there is no mention of any animals. However, Isaiah 1:3 could be a prophecy talking about at least a donkey seeing the crib of his Master (God). It could allude to the fact that an ox was there too. If a bunch of shepherds were there, one would assume sheep would have been present. But there is no definite list of animals mentioned in the Bible.
- 27) The Bible does not say. Nor does it even say that they were inhospitably turned away from an inn. It just says there was not room in the inn at Bethlehem. There may have been many hundreds of people camping in the streets and countryside during the mandatory census. Luke 2:7.
- 28) Simeon. Luke 2:25, 26.
- 29) Neither Mark or John tell the story of the birth of Christ.
- 30) He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for you. You broke God's Law, but Jesus paid your fine. That means He can legally dismiss your case. He can commute your death sentence: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Then Jesus rose from the dead and defeated death. Please, repent (turn from sin) today and trust in Jesus alone, and God will grant you the gift of everlasting life. Then read your Bible daily and obey it. The Bible says you can know if you are going to Heaven. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:13. How can you know if you are going to Heaven? You will become more like what the Bible says a Christian is like because you know Him.

- 13) An angel in Matthew 1:21. The Bible does not say that this was Gabriel; however, it is assumed to be him since he was the one specifically mentioned as the messenger to Mary and Zacharias in Luke 1.
- 14) Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21, 23.
- 15) Jesus means Savior and Emmanuel means God with us. Jesus is the same name as the Old Testament name Joshua which also means Savior. Matthew 1:21, 23.
- 16) For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.
- 17) The shepherds followed the instructions of the angels in Luke 2:9-15. The wise men followed the star to find the place where Jesus was. Matthew 2:1, 2.
- 18) Technically angels are never said to “sing” in the Bible. Each time they appear they only speak. However, to answer the question, the angels praised God with these words: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Luke 2:14.
- 19) A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:12.
- 20) The Bible does not say how many wise men there were. Tradition says there were three because of the three gifts. There are even names given to the three wise men in different countries and cultures, but we don’t really know their names. It is also very likely there were many more than just three.
- 21) So that he could worship the child. But we know that his intentions were far from worship. Matthew 2:11-18.
- 22) It is certain that Jesus was somewhere between a month old and a couple of years old. The wise men saw His star at his birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia and Mesopotamia (around modern day Iraq) then it would have taken at least a month. By the time they arrived Jesus and His family had moved into a house. Later

- 1) Mexico
- 2) A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)
- 3) White
- 4) Panettone
- 5) H₂O
- 6) Silent Night
- 7) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 8) Caesar Augustus. He ordered the people to go back to the city of their forefathers. Joseph’s family was from Bethlehem. Luke 2:1.
- 9) False. As in the previous answer, they went not because an angel told them or because a star led them. They were obedient to the established governmental authority.
- 10) The Bible does not say how they went from Galilee to Bethlehem. It was an 80 mile trip for them. It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details. It is commonly depicted that Mary rode a donkey while Joseph walked along side. But that is simply an artistic depiction. We don’t really know.
- 11) The book of Isaiah has much to say about the birth of the Savior. If you have ever heard the oratorio by George Handel called The Messiah, you have heard many direct quotes from the book of Isaiah concerning the birth of Christ.
- 12) At least 3 angelic announcements for the birth of Christ and 1 for the birth of John. For Christ an angel appeared before Mary and Joseph individually and a multitude of angels spoke to the shepherds. For John’s birth announcement in Luke 1 Gabriel appeared before John’s father to announce the birth of John the Baptist. Matthew 1:20-24; Luke 1:11-20; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:9-15.

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The Christmas Quiz

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(Try not to look at the answers or have someone else check your answers.)

