

Is Christmas of Christ?

We know that most would answer confidently and say yes although they have never seen or able to provide Biblical proof. The nativity scene that has been burned into your minds is far from what really took place. **Luke 2:7** “*And she [Mary] brought forth her firstborn son [Jesus Christ], and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger [a trough where livestock eat from and it is outside]; because there was no room for them in the inn.*” In Bethlehem it SNOWS, its winters are so harsh that it is known in the Bible as the mean season. A baby swaddled in clothes would have FROZEN TO DEATH. Please read, **Psalms 147:16-17**.

In the Holy Scriptures the birth of Christ is documented in FOUR chapters; **Matthew chapter 1-2**, and **Luke chapters 1-2**. NOWHERE does it mention that his birth is DECEMBER 25th nor does it give a date of any kind. Hence here are a few FACTS to consider: the word December does NOT exist in the Bible. It is a word that comes from Latin (the Romans) which meant the TENTH month. Jesus Christ is a Jew (see **Matthew 2:1-6** and **John 4:22**) therefore he observed the Hebrew Calendar in which months begin at the new moon (**Psalms 81:3-4** and **Leviticus 23:24**). Imagine that we knew his birthday; it would never fall on the same day because of the lunar calendar. Also the calendar used today is based on the Roman Calendar, so where does this date come from? The Romans who did not believe in Christ had a celebration on this date called in Latin “*Dies Natalis Solis Invicti*” which means “the BIRTHDAY of the unconquered Sun”. This pagan day was “Christianized” with the creation of the ROMAN Catholic (which means universal) Church. Please read, **Romans 1:25**, **Revelations 12:9**, and **2nd Timothy 4:3-4**.

The evidence is overwhelming that the origins of Christmas is pagan! About 600 years BEFORE Jesus Christ was born the tradition that is called today Christmas is spoken of in the Bible. **Jeremiah 10:3** “*For the customs of the people are vain [worthless]: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.” Verse 4: “They deck [decorate] it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.” Isn’t this talking about the Christmas tree that is cut down with an ax or a chain saw then decorated with silver or gold tinsels and balls? Back then they had to hammer the tree to the floor so it would not fall; today to keep the tree upright a tree stand is used. The customs of Christmas are VAIN and have nothing to do with Christ! For example, the children grow up in lies because their parents make them believe in the existence of Santa Claus. Read, **Proverbs 12:22**. He is praised for your labors and adored as a god. See, **2nd Corinthians 4:2-4**. At this point you should seek out more information about all the other customs (reindeers, elves, yule, mistletoe, wreaths, etc...). Shalam (Peace)!*

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