



## The *Biblical* Christmas Quiz

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There are many aspects of the Christmas story that have been embellished by history. Looking back at the Bible, the account is much simpler. Read each of the questions below carefully. Read the answer choices carefully, then ...

- Choose the response which BEST answers the question
  - Choose only answers that are specifically stated in the Bible or have an accurate academic/historic/archaeological basis
  - Circle more than one answer for some questions
  - Circle the last choice if you do not see the correct answer, "No reference in Scripture/None of the above"
  - Answer the questions in order since some questions may be answered by another question further down in the quiz.
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1. Mary and Joseph were already married when Mary became pregnant.
  - a. True
  - b. False
2. When Joseph and Mary first found out that Mary was pregnant with Jesus, what things did they do?
  - a. They got married
  - b. Joseph wanted to break off the relationship
  - c. Mary left town for three months
  - d. An angel told them to go to Bethlehem
  - e. No reference / None of the above
3. Mary and Joseph were already married when Jesus was born.
  - a. True
  - b. False
4. Mary was still a virgin when she delivered Jesus.
  - a. True
  - b. False
5. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
  - a. The angel
  - b. Mary's mom
  - c. Herod
  - d. Caesar Augustus
  - e. Elizabeth
  - f. The Bible
  - g. No reference / None of the above
6. Where was Joseph from?
  - a. Bethlehem
  - b. Jerusalem
  - c. Nazareth
  - d. Egypt
  - e. Arimathea
  - f. Bethany
  - g. No reference / None of the above
7. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
  - a. Camel
  - b. Feet
  - c. Donkey
  - d. Mary rode, Joseph walked
  - e. No reference / None of the above
8. What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
  - a. "There is no room in the inn."
  - b. "I have a stable you can use."
  - c. "Come back after the busy season."
  - d. No reference / None of the above
9. In what was Jesus delivered?
  - a. Stable
  - b. Manger
  - c. Cave
  - d. Barn
  - e. Room
  - f. No reference / None of the above
10. 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. No reference / None of the above



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11. Which animals were present at Jesus' birthplace?
  - a. Cows
  - b. Sheep
  - c. Donkeys
  - d. Camels
  - e. No reference / None of the above
12. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
  - a. One
  - b. Three
  - c. A multitude
  - d. None
  - e. No reference / None of the above
13. What sign did the angel(s) tell the shepherds to look for?
  - a. A baby in a stable
  - b. A star over Bethlehem
  - c. A baby that doesn't cry
  - d. No reference / None of the above
14. What is a "Heavenly Host?"
  - a. The angel(s) at the gate to heaven
  - b. The angel(s) who serve(s) God's banquet
  - c. The angel choir
  - d. An angel army
  - e. No reference / None of the above
15. What is the English translation of what the angel multitude said?
  - a. Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
  - b. Unto us a child is born
  - c. Glory to God in the highest
  - d. Glory to the newborn King
  - e. No reference / None of the above
16. When did the baby Jesus cry?
  - a. When they slapped Him at birth
  - b. When all the shepherds trampled in
  - c. When the babies of Bethlehem were killed
  - d. When He needed something from his parents
  - e. He didn't cry
  - f. No reference / None of the above
17. Where was there snow in Palestine on Jesus' birth?
  - a. Only in Bethlehem
  - b. All over
  - c. Somewhere
  - d. Nowhere
  - e. In Mary's dreams
  - f. No reference / None of the above
18. Who saw the "Star in the East?"
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Mary and Joseph
  - c. The three kings
  - d. Herod
  - e. No reference / None of the above
19. How many wise men were there?
  - a. One
  - b. Two
  - c. At least two
  - d. Three
  - e. No reference / None of the above
20. What does the term "Wise Men" refer to?
  - a. College professors
  - b. Eastern kings
  - c. Astrologers/astronomers
  - d. Solomon's children
  - e. Fortune tellers
  - f. No reference / None of the above
21. Why did the wise men stop in Jerusalem?
  - a. To tell Herod about Jesus
  - b. To find out where the King was
  - c. To ask about the star that they saw
  - d. To feed their animals and buy gifts
  - e. To pay their taxes
  - f. No reference / None of the above
22. Where did the wise men find Jesus?
  - a. In the manger
  - b. In the stable
  - c. In a house
  - d. In Nazareth
  - e. In Egypt
  - f. No reference / None of the above



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23. What is frankincense?
- A rare metal
  - An expensive fabric
  - A strange food
  - A sweet perfume
  - A horror story
  - No reference / None of the above
24. What is Myrrh?
- A fancy drink
  - A delicate tapestry
  - An Oriental delicacy
  - A tree ornament
  - A burial spice
  - No reference / None of the above
25. Why did Joseph take his family to Egypt?
- To see the pyramids
  - To teach Jesus the wisdom of the Pharaohs
  - To show Jesus where the OT stories occurred
  - He dreamed about it
  - To avoid the Roman taxes
  - They didn't really go
26. In which Gospels do you find the main points of the Christmas story?
- Matthew
  - Mark
  - Luke
  - John
27. Which date is probably closest to Jesus' birth date?
- December 25
  - First week of January
  - March 25
  - April 1
  - May 20
  - Mid-November
  - No reference / None of the above
28. Which year is probably closest to Jesus' birth year?
- 0 A.D.
  - 4-6 B.C.
  - 7-9 A.D.
  - No reference / None of the above
29. As long as the Church has celebrated Christmas, it has been celebrated on December 25.
- True
  - False
30. How did the abbreviation "Xmas" come about?
- A catchy advertising campaign
  - A tricky atheist scheme
  - A church tradition with Greek roots
  - A development that arose with typesetting for speed
  - No reference / None of the above

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