

***Did You
Forget The
Father At
Christmas?***

Luke 2:1-14



***Martin
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(1483-1546)





Alone At Home On Christmas



This Is Christmas?

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***For Some
Christians
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Christmas?***



Date of Christ's Birth

Luke 2:1-3

God the Father planned the date of Christ's birth . . .

- 1. Decree of Caesar Augustus for a census***



Caesar Augustus (63 B.C. – A.D.14)



Census In Bethlehem

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1. Decree of Caesar Augustus for a census

2. Census during the reign of Governor Quirinius

Acts 2:22-24

Rom. 5:6

Gal. 4:4

***Quirinius,
Governor of
Syria***

51 B.C. – A.D. 21

Ancient Testimony To Jesus' Birth

Herod the Great

- He started his reign in 1 Nisan 35 B.C.
 - He reigned 34 years
 - Josephus, the Jewish historian, says that a full lunar eclipse occurred shortly before his death
 - A total lunar eclipse occurred on 10 January 1 B.C.
 - He died in 1 B.C.
- Quirinius was governor of Syria in 3-2 B.C. (Luke 2:1-2)

Jesus

- He was born in 3-2 B.C. according to the following historians:
 - Dionysius
 - Eusebius of Caesarea
 - Exigius
 - Hippolytus of Rome
 - Hippolytus of Thebes
 - Irenaeus
 - Josephus
 - Julius Africanus
 - Origin
 - Paulus Orosuis
 - Tertullian

Therefore, Jesus was born in 3-2 B.C.



Mary and Joseph Travel

Trip To Bethlehem

Luke 2:4 - 5

God the Father planned the place of Christ's birth . . .

- ***God the Father planned for Christ to be born in Bethlehem***
- ***God the Father was faithful***
- ***It helps us identify the Christ***

Micah 5:2

**But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth for
Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.**

Micah 5:2

Birth of Christ



Virgin Birth of Christ

Luke 2:6 - 7

God the Father planned how Christ would be born . . .

- ***He would be virgin born***
- ***Born in a manger wrapped in cloths***

Isa. 7:14

Matt. 1:22-23

Luke 1:26-38

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Matt. 1:22-23

Then Another Miracle

Luke 2:8 - 14

God the Father had an announcement about Christ's birth . . .

- ***Angel was sent by God the Father***
- ***Reveals the Father's love***



Announcement of Christ's Birth

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace among men with whom He is
pleased.**

Luke 2:14

Why Was God The Father Praised?

Luke 2:14

The answer is . . .

- ***He planned Christ's birth***
- ***He waited for the right time of His birth***
- ***He executed the plan for His birth***
- ***He announced Christ's birth***

Jesus Said This . . .

<i>Father sent Me</i>	<i>John 5:36</i>
<i>Living Father sent Him</i>	<i>John 6:57</i>
<i>Father sent Me</i>	<i>John 20:21</i>
<i>Christ had glory in heaven</i>	<i>John 17:5</i>
<i>Christ came to die</i>	<i>John 12:27</i>
<i>Christ came from the Father</i>	<i>John 16:27</i>

God the Father
is the
Ignored One