

Christmas Myths & Their Implications

(Luke 2)

- Introduction:
1. Of all the holidays throughout the year, Christmas is by far my favorite.
 2. For me, Christmas is about family, friends, children, giving, and goodies.
 3. For many others Christmas has become a celebration of the birth of Jesus.
 4. But what I find so amazing is how many inaccuracies are brought into this celebration of the birth of Jesus.

I. Several Myths Regarding The Birth Of Jesus

- A. The angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to inform him concerning Jesus (Luke 1:26).
- B. There were three wise men who came to see Jesus (Matthew 2:1).
- C. The three wise men were three kings from the orient.
- D. A bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger (Matthew 2:9-11).
- E. The wise men visited Jesus at the manger (Matthew 2:7,16).
- F. A bright star appeared to the shepherds in the field and led them to the manger (Luke 2:8-20).
- G. Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. (Luke 2:1-5).

II. Implications Of These Myths

- A. Truth takes a backseat to tradition.
 1. (Matthew 15:8-9).
 2. (Matthew 15:2-6).
 3. (Galatians 2:5).
 4. (Proverbs 23:23).
- B. It can happen to any of us.
 1. Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute?
 2. Did Jesus fall under the weight of the cross?
 3. Jonah prayed three days and nights in the belly of the fish (Jonah 1:17-2:1).
 4. All punishment in Hell will be the same (Hebrews 10:29; Luke 12:41-48).
 5. Never heard the gospel, you'll be okay (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).
- C. This is the danger we take in following someone else
 1. (2 Peter 2:1-2).
 2. (1 Timothy 4:1-2).
 3. (1 Kings 13:18).
 4. (2 Timothy 2:15).
- D. Greater understanding why people follow error.
 1. Might make us more cautious before we harshly criticize others.
 2. (Matthew 7:1).
 3. (Romans 2:1).

- Conclusion:
1. May we all refuse to perpetuate these Christmas myths, and may they be a lesson to us to be more understanding, and to take great care in our study of God's word.