

When, Where, What Happened

When Was Jesus Born?

- 1. We know when He most likely wasn't born... DECEMBER 25th.
 - a. In 336 AD the Roman Catholic Church began to officially celebrate Jesus' birth on December 25th.
 - b. The Roman holiday of <u>SATURNALIA</u> was traditionally held December 17th through December 24th.
- There are two seasons during which He most likely was born <u>EARLY SPRING</u> or LATE FALL.
 - a. The Jewish Feast of <u>TABERNACLES</u> was held in the late fall season.
 Most likely **NOT DURING** Tabernacles
 - <u>Deuteronomy 16:16 (ESV)</u> Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.
 - b. The Jewish Feast of **PASSOVER** was held in the early spring.
 - <u>Luke 2:7-8 (ESV)</u> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
 - **Exodus12:1-3, 5 (ESV)** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household... ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old.
 - c. The time Jesus was most likely born was <u>NISAN 1, 2BC</u> which in the Gregorian calendar is <u>MARCH 15th, 2BC</u>.

Where Was Jesus Born?

1. He was born in **BETHLEHAM** which means **THE HOUSE OF BREAD**.

<u>Micah 5:2 (ESV)</u>But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

2. He was very likely born close to the Tower of MIGDAL EDER.

<u>Micah 4:8 (ESV)</u> And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem

What Happened When Jesus Was Born?

1. The Angels REJOICED.

Luke 2:10-11, 13-14 (NKJV) Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

2. The Shepherds in wonder <u>DECLARED THE MESSAGE</u>.

<u>Luke 2:16-17 (NKJV)</u> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

3. The Magi WORSHIPPED.

<u>Matthew 2:11 (NKJV)</u> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures...

4. Simeon PROPHESIED.

Luke 2:25, 26, 28, 32, 34, 35 (NKJV) And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon...²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ...²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said...³² A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel...³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel...³⁵ (yes a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

5. Anna GAVE THANKS.

<u>Luke 2:36. 38 (NKJV)</u> Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess...³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

6. Herod tried TO KILL HIM.

<u>Matthew 2:16 (NKJV)</u> Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under...

7. Mary kept it ALL IN HER HEART.

Luke 2:19 (NKJV) But Mary kept all these things and pondered [them] in her heart.

8. The world has NEVER BEEN THE SAME.

John1:1-5, 14(NKJV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it... ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus Is The Center Piece Of All History! Do You Know Him?

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