

Welcome Back!  
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Christmas  
Trivia



Epiphany  
Matthew 2:1-12



# Christmas Trivia

True or False?

The Bible says Jesus was born in December.

**False** - The Bible does not state the exact date of Jesus' birth.

True or False?

Christmas Day was not celebrated for over 300 years after Jesus died.

**True** - The first Christmas was celebrated on December 25th, 336 A.D.

Two of the four Gospels mention the birth of Christ. Which two?

**Matthew and Luke**

Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?

**Caesar Augustus.**

He ordered the people to go back to the city of their forefathers. Joseph's family was from Bethlehem. [Luke 2:1]

What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem?

**The Bible does not say.**

It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details.

What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?

**No mention of any animals** are mentioned in the New Testament accounts of Christ's birth.

When the shepherds went looking for Jesus,  
what was the sign they were to look for?

**A baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying  
in a manger. [Luke 2:12]**

How many times does the Bible record  
Joseph speaking?

**Zero.**

The Bible does not ever directly quote Joseph  
saying anything.

What is the name of the person who was told he would not die until he saw the Savior?

**Simeon.** [Luke 2:25-26]

**BONUS ROUND**

# Christmas Trivia



How many wise men (or kings/magi) came to see Jesus?

**The Bible does not say.**

Because of the song “We Three Kings” and the mention of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we assume three. But we do not know.

Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?

**So that he could worship the child.**

But we know that his intentions were far from worship. [Matthew 2:11-18]

How old was Jesus when the wise men arrived at the manger?

Trick Question

The Wise Men never went to the manger.

*“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.” [Matthew 2:11]*

# Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12



The GIFT of ...

The IMPACT of ...

The RESPONSIBILITY of ...



# Matthew 2:1-4

**1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.**

# Matthew 2:5-6

**5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:**

**6 “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”**

# Matthew 2:7-12

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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# What is the IMPACT of Epiphany?

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

-Matthew 2:16

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:  
“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

-Matthew 2:17-18

# **What is the RESPONSIBILITY of Epiphany?**



The Life of  
**David**

*1 and 2 Samuel*