



1. How important is the virgin birth?

- The _____ of Scripture is at state
- The _____ of Jesus is at state

2. Does Joseph's marrying Mary before Jesus was born call into question the identity of Jesus' father?

3. With Mary giving birth to the Son of God is she the "Mother of God?"

4. Was Mary born by immaculate conception?

- The lineage of Jesus traced through _____, His stepfather is found in Mt 1:1-16
- The lineage of Jesus traced through _____ is found in Lk 3:23-38

5. Did Mary remain a virgin for the rest of her life (perpetual virginity of Mary)?

6. Did Mary need a Savior, was she saved, & is she "Co-Redemptrix"?

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- Is she "Co-Redemptrix?"

7. Is the word "Christmas" Catholic?

- "mas" is Latin (missio) =
- "mas" =

8. Was Jesus really born on Dec 25?

- The _____ celebrated _____, worship of Saturn the god of peace and plenty, on Dec 17-24. The celebration was a time of drunkenness and debauchery.
- In 274, Roman emperor Aurelian proclaimed Dec 25 as *Natalis Solis Invicti*, the Birth of the Invincible _____.
- In 350 AD, Pope Julius I declared December 25 to be Christ's birth and the celebration of the "Birth of the Invincible _____."
- _____, early church father: "We hold this day holy, not like the pagans because of the birth of the sun, but because of him who made it."
- St. John Chrysostom preached the first known Christmas sermon entitled, "Homily on Christmas Morning," in Antioch on December 20, _____ AD

9. Was there really a Santa Claus?

- Saint Nickolas was born in the _____ AD in Patara, Lycia (modern Turkey) and served as a bishop in Myra until his death in _____ AD
- He was a committed _____
- When his parents died, they left him a great deal of wealth which he freely _____ with the needy – especially children
- He _____ the freedom of the three daughters of a bankrupt businessman in Patara by throwing three bags of gold into the man's house through an open window each time one of the daughters was about to be sold into slavery
- _____ imprisoned him and had him tortured until Constantine allowed him to go free
- As a defender of the _____, he was seen as a great Christian & was venerated after his death.
- He was adopted as the patron saint of _____ who help the needy by offering them loans (the three bags of gold are symbolized by the three golden balls that have adorned pawnshops for centuries)
- Those who knew of his life and story kept Nicholas's memory alive as an example of godliness and generosity
- The Dutch spelled St. Nicholas _____ which was corrupted to _____, and finally, to _____ in English
- _____ wanted to refocus the German people from St. Nicholas to the Christ Child, pronounced in German as "Kris Kindl" and was later pronounced "Kris Kringle." Luther taught that Christ was the giver of all gifts and our gift-giving should be performed in remembrance of the great gifts Christ gave us.
- In 1822, _____ composed his famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," which was later published as "The Night Before Christmas" and is credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as a jolly fat man in a red suit.

10. Are Christmas trees pagan?

- What we know as the Christmas tree originated in _____ as an oak tree and St. Boniface replaced the oak with a fir tree in the _____ AD
- It originated from two Christian symbols found in homes at Christmas time
 - the first was a "_____ " – an evergreen hung with apples representing the tree of life in the Garden of Eden
 - the second symbol was a "_____ " – a triangular shelf holding Christmas figurines & decorated with a star