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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

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Was Jesus Born on Christmas Day?

The Rituals of the Catholics Effect All of Us

Christmas, like Thanksgiving, is the time of year for family to get together and enjoy each other's company. A lot of money is spent on gifts, decoration, traveling and other things to make the Christmas season memorable and joyous.

The most important thing about Christmas is that it undoubtedly represents Jesus birth, and Jesus is on just about everyone's mind, for good or bad, around Christmas time. It gives the soul winner a better chance at giving the gospel because more people are willing to listen during the Christmas season. But what is the evidence, or is there any, that Jesus was born on Christmas day, and what kind of day is Christmas religiously?

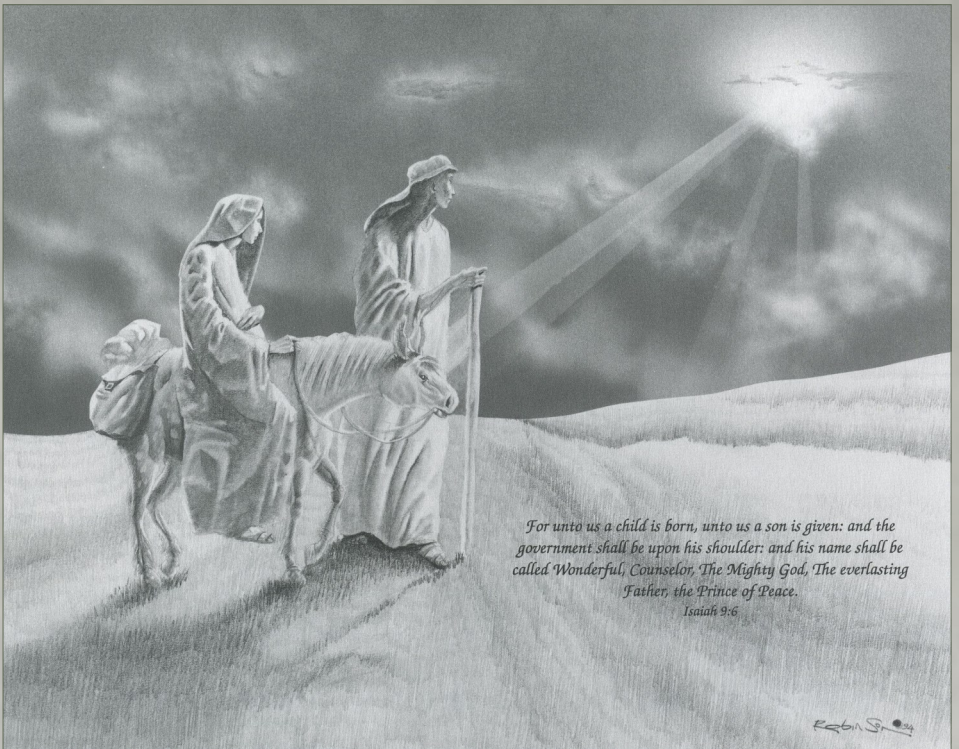
Christmas is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. If anything, Christmas is a tradition that came from the Roman practice of *Saturnalia*, a week long period of lawlessness in Rome that resulted in abuse ([The History of Christmas](#)). Since the last day of his ritual came on December 25, it was adopted as a official tradition, especially of the catholic church. So when was Jesus born?

One source says that he was born in the fall or spring based on Zechariah's quotes in the Bible. Most of the Bible, if not all of it, never makes a case out of the date of Jesus' birth, but from these sources we can understand that he certainly was not born on December 25 ([elijah.com](#)). So what is Christmas if it is not actually the day of Jesus birth?

Christmas, like Easter, is actually a pagan holiday that evolved into a Christian holiday. Much like Constantine over the years in Rome adopted Christian names for his pagan Gods and created the *universal or catholic church*, these other religions adopted pagan holidays and called them Christian.

This is not unusual, as the devil has been trying to destroy the purity and dignity of the church since Jesus created it, but one would ask—should I stop celebrating Christmas?

It is really your choice. I do not see anything wrong with



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

(Joseph and Mary by Jim Robinson) Christmas is celebrated all over the world and it is the time of year when people get together to warm each other. It is also a time when Jesus is on everyone's mind and people are more open to the gospel. But was Jesus born on Christmas? Research says that he was not.

participating in Christmas as long as you know its history and understand it as a chance to get people saved. Like I said earlier, Christmas is when most people have Christ on their minds and may be more interested in the gospel than at any other time of the year.

There are certain things you can do to make Christmas less of a pagan holiday and more of a day in a Christian's life. If your job is having a party with alcohol, it would be good testimony not to go. Just leave your cards and gifts to be handed out by someone else. That way you are a good testimony for Jesus.

When you distribute cards, always put a good four point gospel tract in with the card. When choosing gifts, select things that are a good testimony such as a skirt for a woman instead of a pair of pants. Use conversations you have at Christmas as a chance to discuss the gospel. These are some of the ways you can use the Christmas season to further the gospel and be a good testimony.

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