

Jesus' Birth

This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on Jesus' birth. December twenty fifth or Christmas as most people know it by, is known all around the world as the birth of Jesus. The two big questions we must all ask ourselves is, was Jesus born on December twenty fifth, and should we be celebrating it?

Exodus 12:2

Verse 2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Exodus 34:18

Verse 18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.

Abib - an ear of corn, the month of newly-ripened grain; the first of the Jewish ecclesiastical year.

With these couple of scriptures and the definition of Abib we can see that the beginning of the year would have been around mid-March to mid-April. If we use the latest date of April, we can get a rough date of when Jesus was actually born.

I Chronicles 24:10

Verse 10 The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah,

Luke 1:5, 11 - 13, 23 - 27

Verse 5 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

Verse 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

Verse 12 And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

Verse 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Verse 23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

Verse 24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

Verse 25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men.

Verse 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Verse 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

These scriptures give us good insight. With April being the first month of the year we see there are two watches in every month. Abijah, which was Zacharias' watch was the eighth watch. This would put us four months into the year, four months from April brings us to August. We read that Elisabeth becomes pregnant when Zacharias returns. Six months after Elisabeth conceived the angel goes to Mary and tells her she will conceive a son. Now if you count six months from August you get to February, this is now when the angel appears to Mary.

Luke 1:30, 31, 36

Verse 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Verse 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Verse 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

We are in February and the angel comes to tell Mary that the Holy Ghost will come upon her and she will bear a son. Counting nine months from her interaction with the angel brings us to November when Mary would give birth to Jesus.

Breaking this all down helps us understand that Jesus was not born in December, even with this proof people still do not see a problem with celebrating Christmas. Jesus tells us the only thing we are to remember him by is his death.

I Corinthians 11:24 - 26

Verse 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Verse 25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

Verse 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

If we believe that God changes not, then why would a true Christian keep that which they know to be pagan and against the word of God. Let us do that which is right and pleasing to our Lord and teach our children so.

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