

Facts About the Birth of Jesus

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It will come as a surprise to many people to learn the true facts about the birth of Jesus. The problem with the teaching of men is the changes that take place over time that go unnoticed and unheeded by what is real truth. There are many people who believe Jesus was born on December 25 in a manger with shepherds and three wise men surrounding Him with a star shining above. Nothing is more foreign to the truth or the real story of what the Bible tells of the birth of Christ.

What are the facts about the birth of Jesus according to the WORD OF GOD?

1. The birth of Jesus is announced to Joseph in Matthew 1 and to Mary in Luke 1.
2. The birth of Jesus is found in Matthew 1 and Luke 2.
3. An angel of the Lord announces to the shepherds the birth of Jesus the same night of His birth (Luke 2:8-14).
4. The shepherds visit Jesus in the manger the same night of His birth (Luke 2:15-20).
5. The “star” is not present at the manger.
6. Eight days later Jesus is circumcised according to the Law of Moses (Luke 2:21).
7. At least 32 days later (40 days following birth – Leviticus 12:2-6), Jesus is presented at the Temple and an offering of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons is given by Joseph and Mary (Luke 2:22-24).
8. Jesus is presented to Simeon and witnessed by Anna at the Temple (Luke 2:25-38).
9. Almost two years later wise men from the East come looking for Jesus – first going to Jerusalem inquiring of Herod – then journeying to Bethlehem (five miles from Jerusalem) to “the **HOUSE**, they saw the young Child” (Matthew 2:1-12).
10. The “star” comes “over where the young Child was” – the *house* where Joseph and Mary are with Jesus (Matthew 2:9).
11. We do not know how many wise men came to see Jesus. We do not know their names or their nationality. They brought gifts. (Matthew 2:11)

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