

32. God the Son becoming truly and fully human is a what?

33. The word Luke uses to describe the multitude of angels was used to describe what?

34. Is verse 14 saying that all of mankind will experience peace and goodwill?

35. Who were the first missionaries/preachers of the gospel?

36. How did people respond to the shepherds' message?

37. All that Mary knew was that, although a virgin, she would conceive and give birth to whom?

38. All we know about the shepherd is that they were what?

39. Does this story fill you with joy or are you so familiar with it that familiarity has robbed you of the thrill that it ought to produce?

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:1-20

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"The First Christmas."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one popular belief about Christmas that isn't really in the Bible?
2. Was it snowing when Jesus was born?
3. Pastor Bryan made several statements about Christmas that are commonly believed. Do any address a belief you have had?
4. Many of our pictures of the birth of Jesus are formed in our minds because of what?
5. Joseph is portrayed as what in this story?
6. What does archaeology vindicate?
7. Both Mary and Joseph were descendants of whom?
8. According to Luke 1:56, where was Mary living at this time?
9. How far was it from Nazareth to Bethlehem?

10. Were Joseph and Mary legally married at this time?
11. Where did the idea that Mary was on the verge of giving birth as they traveled to Bethlehem come from?
12. Who predicted that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem?
13. Did no one in Bethlehem care about Mary, her pregnancy, her labor pains, etc?
14. Verse 7 tells us what concerning Mary and children?
15. How many of the gospels say something about Mary's other children?
16. Mary had at least how many children?
17. The "baby being wrapped in swaddling cloths" was a what?
18. Was it unique that a baby would be wrapped in swaddling cloths?
19. The homes in ancient Israel usually had how many rooms?
20. The area of an ancient home in Israel that was lower than the living room and separated by heavy timbers was designated as the what?
21. Homes that fit the description can be traced from when to when?
22. What would the family dig at the end of the living room, right up against the timbers or before the floor drops a few feet?
23. What did everyone have in their house?
24. The word that Luke used for "inn" refers to the what?
25. As opposed to being out in a barn somewhere, Luke's description seems to be describing a birth where?
26. Middle Eastern people have a tremendous capacity for what?
27. At the time when Jesus was born, many of the sheep used in temple sacrifices came from where?
28. Does the fact that the shepherds were in the fields give us any clue of when Jesus was born?
29. Instead of fearing, the angel told the shepherds there was reason to do what?
30. "Christ" means what?
31. If you want Jesus to be your Savior, you have to acknowledge Him as what?