

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Short 'Christmas' Quiz

At this time of the year, more will be said about the birth of Jesus than at any other time of the year. Yet, I cannot help but be a bit disturbed by all the biblical ignorance and inaccuracies associated with our Savior's birth. When it comes to one of the most fundamental tenants of Christianity, the incarnation of Jesus, and one of the most pivotal historical events that ever occurred, many cannot discern between fact and fiction. People do not really know the account of his birth as well as they might think.

Doubt me? Then give the following brief "True/False" quiz a shot and see how well you do.

- **True or False:** The Bible says the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to inform him that Mary was with child.
- **True or False:** The Bible says that three wise men came to the manger to worship and give gifts to Jesus.
- **True or False:** The Bible says that an unknown number of wise men came to the manger to worship Jesus.
- **True or False:** The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.
- **True or False:** The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger.
- **True or False:** The Bible says the shepherds and the wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.
- **True or False:** The Bible says an innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn, thus Jesus was born in a manger.

Okay, so how did you do? Did anyone get them all right? Did you get a passing grade? Well, if you answered any of the questions with a "True", you were mistaken. Every statement is false for one reason or another. Open your Bible and check it for yourself.

What I have discovered through the years is that it is surprisingly easy for us to believe as fact, what is in reality, fiction. Furthermore, this "fiction" is sometimes propagated by religion. How many church lawns and "Christmas" re-enactments will portray a nativity scene which inaccurately portrays the biblical account? Churches that decried the inaccuracies in the movie "Noah" and the "Bible Series" on television may very well do their part in perpetuating biblical inaccuracies this December.

But now here is the point of my article: If we can be misinformed about something as fundamental as the birth of Jesus, what makes us think we cannot be misled regarding

other religious matters?

Friends, make sure your faith is not based on what others have told you is true, but rather make sure your faith is based on what you know to be true from your own personal study. Let the “fiction” you see perpetuated on church lawns and in church pageants this holiday season be a reminder and a warning to you to do your own Bible study, and to never be content with what others say.

“Prove all things; Hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

—Steve Higginbotham

Prayer Request

Continue to keep **Mary Anchondo, Glenna Callendar, LaDonna Chism, James and Joyce Drake, Daniel Eastwood, Doug Guynn, Leigh Ann McFarland, Terresia Weaver** and **Wilene Wright** in your daily prayers as they are struggling with serious health issues.

Concerns Update

Brian Weakland (Allen’s brother) is scheduled to have an angioplasty procedure done on January 10th. We need to keep Brian in our daily prayers that it all will go well for him.

Lindsey Wells’ surgery went well. Her hands are painful and sore, but the pain is slowly going away. Keep Lindsey in your prayers that she has a quick recovery.

Daniel Eastwood was moved to Madison Health Resort for physical therapy. He is in room #314. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a complete recovery.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Irene Balerio; Ameer Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Brent Harrell; Lon & Lana Howard; Connie Jimenez; Vanessa Machuca; Leigh Ann McFarland; Charlene McFatter, Keith Mitchell; Milous Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morelez; Inocencio Munoz, Sr; Julie Munoz; Bruce Plyler; K’ Lynn Roberts; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lindsey Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright.

Eisenhower’s Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw. Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9

Thank You

Dear Eisenhower family,

With sincere appreciation, we send our “Best Wishes” for the Holidays. We love our church family and thank you for all your prayers. Jr. & Julie Munoz

To Eisenhower,

With love and God’s blessing to my church family. May God’s love and blessings keep you all well and safe in his care always. Praise God, Bless His Holy Name. He is so good to me. Thank you all for your concern, prayers & cards. They help me so much. Love you in Christ, Hattie

Office News...

We will not have a 5th Sunday “Potluck Luncheon” this month due to the holiday season.

“December Attended Nursery”

12/24 Julie & Gloria

12/31 Robbie & Jeanette

The Right Path

Solomon declared that man is to let God choose his paths (Proverbs 3:6). We can do that today by following His Word. It is a guide for us (Psalm 119:105). Solomon also warned people not to take the path of the wicked (Proverbs 1:15; 4:14). Yet, regardless of the warnings they received, they still followed the wrong paths. Jeremiah was told by God that the children of Israel had stumbled from the ancient paths to walk in paths not chosen by God (Jeremiah 18:15). Solomon referred to these paths, which were not chosen by God, as ways of darkness (Proverbs 2:13). Jeremiah referred to them as crooked paths and stated that those following the crooked paths would never know peace (Isaiah 59:8). The result of walking these dark and crooked paths is destruction (Isaiah 59:7). God, through Jeremiah, encouraged man to find the old paths, the good way, and to walk therein (Jeremiah 6:16).

The Lord’s body today needs to take heed to this same command. Many are varying off on “not-so-straight” paths that are in a shadow, if not in total darkness. The request for the children of Israel to return to the old paths was for them to return to the pathways of their fathers, and of all the past generations who followed God. The request applies to us today also. If we were to follow the example of the great pioneer preachers of the past one hundred and fifty years, we can have the same results. It has been said that the pioneer preachers built the fires by which we warm. Many today will not even add fuel to keep the fires burning. Being lenient toward “minor” sins and “minor” discrepancies in teaching God’s Word does not cause the church to grow faster. By doing this, one is simply causing the church to resemble the denominations of the world. It is strict adherence to God’s Word that makes the church grow.

Let us go back and find the old paths and stick to the Bible teachings as expressed by many of the old pioneer preachers. If we will do this the church will again grow as it did then. Let us rekindle the fires of restoration in our age.

—R. C. Oliver

December 24, 2023

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May

Craig Wesson

Allen Weakland

Larry May

Bill Ryan

Tommy Garcia

Richard Siler

P.M.

Larry May

Jon Roemisch

Allen Weakland

Larry May

Jackie Perkins

Charles Wood

Oliver Hernandez

Lord’s Supper

Don Easlon

Gary Loving

Caleb York

Travis Ruckman

Jacob Carson

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 — *Deacon:* John Wood 413-7444—

Pulpit: David Ryan 512-924-0983—*Table:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Song Leaders:* Cody

Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Steve Easlon 260-9716— *Contributions:* Jacob

Carson

Sunday AM

“What Must I do to be Saved?” (Romans 3:23)

Sunday PM

“The Exodus” (Exodus 12:31:42)

Our Records

Bible Class... 66

Morning Worship...NC

Evening Worship ... NC

Wednesday...NC

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