

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Reference: Miscellaneous Scripture
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In a societal sense probably nothing is more misunderstood than is Christmas. One of the problems at Christmas is that some of the accounts of Jesus birth have been reduced to elaborate fables. Singers and storytellers have embellished the Christmas legend to the point most people don't know which details are authentic and which ones have been fabricated. These are just some of the more common Christmas misconceptions.

FIRST Misconception: Jesus probably wasn't born in _____.
Our calendars divide time into two distinct parts: **B.C.** and **A.D.**

B.C. is derived from the Latin *Ante Christum* and means

_____.

A.D. is from the Latin *Anno Domini* and means "In the Year of Our Lord" and in particular "In the Year of Our Lord's _____." In essence **A.D.** means _____.

Unfortunately some secularists are using other abbreviations such as **B.C.E.** instead of **B.C.** and **C.E.** instead of **A.D.**

B.C.E. represents _____ and
C.E. represents _____.

Reference: **Matthew 2:1a, 13-15a, 19-21** (see screen)
Herod the Great ruled Judea when Jesus was born. Herod died in 4 BC so Jesus was probably born between _____ BC.

SECOND Misconception: Jesus probably _____ born on **December 25th**.

The most common opinion is that Jesus might have been born in _____.

THIRD Misconception: No one knows how Mary _____ to Bethlehem.

FOURTH Misconception: No one knows how long Mary was in Bethlehem _____ she gave birth.

FIFTH Misconception: No one knows if either Mary or Joseph met an _____.
Reference: **Luke 2:7** (see screen)

SIXTH Misconception: No one knows if Jesus was born in a _____.

SEVENTH Misconception: Jesus was an infant and infants do _____.

EIGHTH Misconception: The wise men (Magi) who wanted to find Jesus _____ actual kings and no one knows their exact number or if those men rode on camels.

Reference: **Matthew 2:1-2** (see screen)

NINTH Misconception: The wise men (Magi) did not find Jesus and worship Him at the _____ of His birth.

Some things in Scripture we cannot understand and then some things in Scripture we cannot misunderstand. Something we cannot misunderstand is that Jesus as God was also born a man at Bethlehem so that He might become the _____ (i.e. forgiver)
References: **Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:11; Philippians 3:20; I Timothy 1:15; I John 4:14**, etc. (see screen)

Statement One...All of us have _____.

Statement Two...Sin has to be _____.

- We can be punished for our sins _____.
- Someone who has no sin of his own can be punished for _____.

Statement Three...Jesus is the only person who has _____ to be punished for our sins.

Statement Four...If we _____ Jesus as our Savior we can be forgiven and guaranteed a future in heaven.