

CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS 2021

Please pray each day before you start the following questions. Will you ask the Lord to prepare your heart for this Christmas season and to speak to you through the study of His Word?

Read John 1:1-14 and Hebrews 1:1-4.

1. Using the above references, explain Who Jesus is to someone who has never heard of Him.

Read Luke 1:1-25.

2. After nearly 400 years of silence, what did God reveal to Zechariah through the angel Gabriel?
3. Why would faith be required for Zechariah and Elizabeth to believe the angel's message?
4. According to Luke 1:17, what would be John the Baptist's purpose?
5. a) What were the consequences of Zechariah's not believing the angel's words?

b) What can be some of the consequences that result when we do not believe God's Word today?

Read Luke 1:26-38.

6. From the world's point of view, why would Mary have been an unlikely choice to be the Messiah's mother?
7. What superlative description was Mary given of her Son to be born (Luke 1:31-33)?
8. a) According to v.35, what was unusual about the conception of Jesus?

b) Why is this so significant theologically? (Why does it matter?)
9. Once God's purpose and method had been explained to Mary, she did not demur.
 - a) What did her obedience cost her?
 - b) What did her obedience gain her?
10. In your present life, what are you tempted to think is impossible for the Lord?

Read Luke 1:39-80.

11. What stands out to you about the Lord in Mary's song (v.46-55)?
12. When did you last sing a song of praise to the Lord?

Read Luke 2:1-7.

13. From Luke 2:1-7, describe the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus.

14. How did the emperor and the innkeeper play a part in God's plan without knowing it?

15. Describe how a person living today (in the 21st century) can "have no room" for Jesus.

Read Luke 2:8-20.

16. Shepherds had a bad reputation in Israel; they were regarded as dishonest and unreliable. With the angels appearing to the shepherds, how does this illustrate Isaiah 55:8?

17. Describe the shepherds' response to the glorious news that the long awaited Messiah had been born.

18. Compare your own response to that of the shepherds'.

19. How has your understanding of Who Jesus is and the Deliverance that He alone offers been increased through the study of Judges this year? (Please reference specific passages in Judges when possible.)

20. If asked why you celebrate Christmas, how would you respond?

Read Matthew 1:18-25.

21. Give the two names given to Mary's Son and give the meaning of each name.

22. What do these names of Jesus mean to you on a daily basis?

23. What do you learn about the salvation Jesus offers from:

- a) Acts 4:12 _____
- b) Romans 5:9 _____
- c) Romans 6:23 _____
- d) Romans 8:1 _____
- e) Ephesians 2:5 and 8 _____
- f) Hebrews 10:10 _____
- g) Hebrews 10:25 _____

24. Tell what the word "saved" means to you.

25. Give one verse or passage from Hebrews that has especially encouraged you as to Who Jesus truly is and to the salvation that He alone offers. (Explain how it has encouraged you.)

Will you stop and worship Almighty God for His goodness and love to you in sending His Son Jesus into the world to make salvation possible for you and for me?