

Why Christmas? Did Jesus Really Come at Christmas?

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All of us have childhood memories of Christmas. Is Jesus' birth like Frosty the Snowman, a nice story that we know isn't really true?

The Bible says that Christmas is real, of course. But what if you're not sure the Bible is true? Muslims believe the Qur'an; Mormons believe the Book of Mormon. Believing something doesn't make it so.

Is there historical evidence for Christmas? Without opening a Bible, you can know from ancient historians Tacitus, Thallus the Samaritan, Suetonius, Pliny the Younger, and Josephus that Jesus of Nazareth existed and was crucified under Pontius Pilate; and that the first Christians believed he was raised from the dead and worshiped him as God.

Does this historical evidence prove that Jesus is God's Son? Actually, no relationship can be proven, only experienced. If I had to prove I'd be a good husband before my wife married me, I'd still be single. If you waited until you could prove that a job was right for you, would you take it? You'd examine the evidence, then you'd step beyond it into a personal experience that becomes self-validating.

For example, I'm talking with you outside an office building in Dallas, Texas. I happen to know that there are Christmas decorations inside, because I went in before taping this video. The people driving up and down the street don't know if the lobby has been decorated for Christmas or not. They could examine the evidence—they could listen to eyewitnesses like me, look at pictures, and so on. But the only way they could know for sure would be to get out of their cars and step inside.

It's the same with Jesus. I hope you'll examine the evidence for Christmas, then ask Jesus to forgive your mistakes and become your Lord and King. If you do, you'll meet him for yourself. And you'll know forever that Christmas is real.