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- Is it Jesus' birthday? **Matt. 2:1-12, Luke 2:1-17**
  - No “three wise men”
  - No “manger scene” with wise men; they didn't come along until later
  - No “drummer boy”
  - No mention of time of year, month, or day
- No, there is no evidence that Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> is Jesus' birthday

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- **Is there any significance in the Bible given for Jesus' birthday?**
  - **We never find any example of the apostles or saints observing Jesus' birthday**
  - **If there were some significance, God could have recorded the month and day for us, commanded us to observe it as a special day**
  - **If Paul felt it was so important, why did he not insist on being in Jerusalem for Christmas, as opposed to Pentecost four months later? (**Acts 20:16 – Or Passover, or Easter?**)**

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- **What are we to commemorate?**
  - His fulfillment of prophecy, Scripture
  - His birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension
  - The spiritual blessings we have through Him – **Eph. 1:3**
- These are to be remembered every day, but especially Sunday – **I Cor. 11:23-29**

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- **Does the day matter?**
  - **No, the day that Jesus was born does not matter. What's important is that He was born, and how (and why) He was born**
    - **He fulfilled all prophecies regarding the Messiah being born of a virgin, etc.**
  - **There is no mention of Easter or Christmas until ~200-400 AD and was associated with the Catholic church**

# What is “Christmas” to you?

- **Is it wrong to celebrate it as Jesus’ birthday?**
  - **The “days” we are to observe have been defined for us by God – The Lord’s Day**
  - **We have no example of celebrating Jesus’ birthday – we don’t even know when it was**
  - **It is never wrong to remember that our Lord was born and why (and how), but it should not be celebrated on a single certain day, nor should the importance of the Lord’s Day be overshadowed by ANY holiday, much less Christmas – one cannot teach what is not taught by Scripture**

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- Is it okay to observe holidays (for non-religious reasons)? Yes. **Rom. 14:5-6**
- Is it okay to say “Merry Christmas” or “Merry X-mas” or “Happy Holidays”? Sure.
- Is it wrong to have a Christmas tree and presents? No, it’s just a tradition and is not connected to Scripture.
  - “Started as a pagan practice!”? Yeah, well, the names of the days of the week came from pagans...not to mention Easter.

## Helping others understand the truth regarding Christmas:

- We can explain why “our church” isn’t doing anything special for Christmas
- We can use the religious/ spiritual thoughts of others at this time to inspire Biblical discussions

## For ourselves:

- We can have the proper thoughts on this, just another, secular holiday