

What Did Jesus Say About Christmas?

Text: Matthew 17:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; ² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Luke 9:30-31 (NASB)

³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Matthew 17:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

What About Jesus & Christmas?

1. What Did Jesus Say About the Bible?
2. What Did Jesus Say About Worship?
3. What Do the Scriptures Say About Idolatry?
4. What Did Jesus Say Remembers Him?

Point #1: What Did Jesus Say About the Bible?

- Hebrews 13:8 (NAS)
- John 12:48 (KJV)
- Revelation 22:7 (ASV)
- Matthew 22:29 (NKJV)

Hebrews 13:8 (NASB)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever

John 12:48 (KJV)

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Revelation 22:7 (ASV)

And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

Matthew 22:29 (NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God."

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Point #2: What Did Jesus Say About Worship?

- John 4:24 (KJV)
- Mark 7:6-9 (NASB)

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"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Mark 7:6-9 (NASB)

⁶ But He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. ⁷ 'AND IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.' ⁸ "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."

Point #3: What Do the Scriptures Say About Idolatry?

- I Corinthians 10:13-14 (NASB)
- Colossians 3:5 (NKJV)
- Jerimiah 10:2-4 (NKJV)

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¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Colossians 3:5 (NKJV)

Therefore put to death therefore your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry;

Jerimiah 10:2-4 (NKJV)

¹ Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. ² Thus says the LORD: "Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them. ³ For the customs of the peoples are futile; For one cuts a tree from the forest, The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. ⁴ They decorate it with silver and gold; They fasten it with nails and hammers So that it will not topple.

Point #4: What Did Jesus Say Remembers Him?

- I Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV)
- Revelation 22:16-20 (KJV)

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I Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV)

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

CONCLUSION:

Revelation 22:16-20 (KJV)

¹⁶ I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star. ¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. ¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹ And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. ²⁰ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:

1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.