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**Quiz 8 – Birth of the Son of God and the son of Mary**

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**1** Why did Joseph take a very pregnant Mary to Bethlehem?

Choose one answer.

- a. To pay taxes
- b. To establish residence
- c. To find a midwife
- d. All of the above

**2** What Emperor set upon the throne during the time of the census that brought Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem?

Choose one answer.

- a. Gaius Caesar
- b. Lucius Caesar
- c. Augustus
- d. Tiberius

**3** The trip of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem recorded in Luke 2:2-5 happened exactly as the Bible states.

Answer:

- True  False

**4** Why was there no room left at any inns in Bethlehem when Mary and Joseph arrived?

Choose one answer.

- a. The town was filled with other journeyers that had come to pay their taxes as well
- b. There were just a couple of inns in the town of Bethlehem, and normally filled quickly during holidays
- c. The inns were actually the bottom floor of houses that were packed full with household animals
- d. All of the above

**5** Where did Mary and Joseph end up staying when they arrived in Bethlehem?

Choose one answer.

- a. In a stall that was used as an enclosure for animals
- b. Possibly inside a cave in a natural outcropping of rock
- c. In a place that informed Mary that the birth of her son would not be celebrated as a prominent leader
- d. All of the above

**6** Mary did not experience the usual pains of childbirth because of her virgin status.

Answer:

- True  False

**7** Mary gave birth to a baby boy that was both the Son of God and her human son.

Answer:

- True  False

**8** Who found the Christ child in the manger just after he was born?

Choose one answer.

- a. Wise men
- b. Shepherds
- c. King Herod
- d. All of the above

**9** What supernatural event announced the arrival of the Messiah to the shepherds?

Choose one answer.

- a. A shining star in the east
- b. The bright glory of God illuminating the shepherds
- c. An Angel
- d. All of the above

**10** What direction did the star point towards to signal the location of the newborn King of the Jews to the shepherds? (Matthew 2:2)

Choose one answer.

- a. North
- b. South
- c. East
- d. West

**11** What caused the wise men to search for Christ?

Choose one answer.

- a. They also saw the star in the East
- b. King Herod summoned them
- c. They were traveling with the shepherds who had knowledge of the birth of Christ
- d. All of the above

**12** What were the wise men's intentions when they located Christ child? (Matthew 2:1-12)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. To help King Herod find the Christ child
- b. Worship him
- c. To bring gifts to the child to honor, bless and anoint him
- d. To become the first disciples of Jesus Christ

**13** What did the Wise Men do after locating the young boy Jesus? (More than one answer possible)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
- b. They were warned by God to avoid Herod
- c. They fall on their knees and worship Him
- d. They escorted Joseph, Mary, and Jesus to Egypt for their safety
- e. All of the above

**14** What did King Herod do immediately after the wise men escaped from his assignment to find the Christ child and tell him the location?

Choose one answer.

- a. He orders the slaying of all the children under two years old in Bethlehem and the coastal cities
- b. He died
- c. He destroys the Temple of God
- d. All of the above

**15** What happens to Joseph, Mary, and Jesus after Herod finally dies? (May be multiple answers)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Joseph and his family remain in Egypt until Jesus grows into young adulthood
- b. Joseph returns his family to Bethlehem in the land of Israel
- c. None of the above
- d. Joseph settles his family in the city of Nazareth in the land of Israel

**16** Who was the Prophet Simeon? (Multiple answers likely)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. He was a devout and just Jew
- b. He patiently waits at the Temple to see the arrival of the Messiah
- c. He is the husband to Prophetess Anna
- d. All of the above

**17** What were some significant prophesy points proclaimed by Simeon at the Temple upon laying eyes upon the Messiah? (Luke 2:29-35) (Will be more than one answer)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. He linked the arrival of the Messiah with God's salvation
- b. He declares the arrival of the Messiah to bring glory to the people of Israel
- c. He proclaims both the fall, and the rising again of many in Israel
- d. He connects the arrival of the Messiah to the Gentiles
- e. He declares that the child's life will cut her soul with a heartbreaking piercing

**18** According to the traditional view advanced by John Damascene, the sorrow in Prophet Simeon's words speaks of the deep sorrow Mary's soul will feel with tremendous maternal grief as she stands at the foot of the crucified Son of God. (John 19:25-27)

Answer:

- True  False

**19** What was the uniqueness of Prophetess Anna's life prior to seeing the Messiah arrive in human being form as she sat at the Temple?

Choose one answer.

- a. She was a widow for 84 years
- b. She had been married to her husband over 107 years
- c. Anna was of great faith and confident that she would see the Messiah with her own eyes in her lifetime
- d. All of the above

**20** The child Jesus was smart, well-liked, wise, respected, and had favor with God and man; his advanced understanding and interest in the things of God caused some anxiousness to Mary and Joseph, who were probably not expecting these things until the child was grown to at least the age of accountability. (Luke 2:49-52)

Answer:

- True  False