

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DID JESUS HAVE A BIRTHDAY?

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BIRTHDAY OR INCARNATION?

The Christmas season is in full swing and Christian radio is filled with music about the birth of Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. Many churches are going out of their way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, while the secular people rally around Santa Claus and holiday traditions with the family. Food, drinks and gifts have always been the focus of the world and this has also spilled into the Christian community.

Television evangelist and pastor Jimmy Swaggart spoke about the birth of Jesus. He quickly mentioned that Jesus was not born on December 25th but it didn't matter since Jesus was born at some time in history and that is what counts.

WHEN WAS JESUS BORN?

When was Jesus born? Jesus never was born because He has always existed. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one, yet they are three distinct beings (Godhead) who have always existed with no beginning or end. **Isaiah 45:21-22; 46:9-11**

Jesus is God and eternal, but He is also the Creator. It was decided by the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) that Jesus would be responsible for the creation. **John 1:1-4; 14; Colossians 1:9-18; Hebrews 1:1-3**

This means that Jesus as God and man does not have a birthday because He has always existed and has no end. **Hebrews 13:9**

The first biblical record of Jesus is when He came to earth to create Adam and Eve. **Genesis 2:7; 20-23**

The next time Jesus and two angels came to visit Abraham at his campground and allowed Abraham and Sarah to cook a meal for them. **Genesis 18:1-8**

So what took place in Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago? It was plan that predated mankind and even the angels where God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit decided that they would redeem and pay for mankind's sins. Jesus was the part of the Godhead that was selected to be the savior of humanity. **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

Jesus is eternal and can't die; He needed a human body which He could inhabit and live on earth for a season until it was sacrificed on the cross to pay for the sins of the human race.

A Jewish virgin named Mary was selected to conceive the body of Jesus. One of her ovum was selected by the Holy Spirit, who impregnated the egg and provided the new cell with sinless blood. **Luke 1:26-35**

Thus, when Mary gave birth to her baby in Bethlehem, the body was indwelt or incarnated by Jesus. **Luke 2:6-7**



This second Adam was a unique human being. The flesh and bones were from Mary, the sinless blood came from the Holy Spirit, and Jesus took possession of this body. This body did not have a soul since Jesus does not have a soul.

When Jesus was crucified and hung on the cross, only His physical body died, while Jesus spent three days and nights in Paradise. **Matthew 27:45-50; Luke 23:46; John 19:30**

The dead physical body of Jesus was put in the cave. **John 19:38-42**

The spiritual part of Jesus was still very much alive went to Paradise. **Luke 23:39-43**

SUMMARY

Jesus has always existed; He is God. He has no beginning or end. As God, He does not have a birthday. While the physical body of Jesus that was born to Mary has a birthday, there is no biblical mandate to celebrate it.

If there is to be a celebration, it should be a celebration of thankfulness that Jesus dwelt in a human body to pay for the sins of mankind. Furthermore, the Bible does not tell us exactly when Mary gave birth to the body of Jesus. According to the description in the New Testament, it took place sometime between September and October.

So why do Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th? Well the 25th happened to be the biggest pagan holiday in Rome. It was known as Saturnalia and celebrated the birthday of Tammuz.¹

When Christianity was made the state religion of Rome, it was decided that the old pagan holidays could never be stamped out and so the powers that be agreed to remove Tammuz and replace him with Jesus instead. All the rituals and traditions remained and Jesus became the central figure in the newly Christianized pagan festivities.

Where does this leave you? You have to make a decision. Will you continue to perpetuate the lie about the birthday of Jesus or become a truth teller? Don't believe the old lie from the Devil putting Christ back into Christmas. Jesus was never part of Christmas. Let's stay out of this heathen Tammuz worship that was sanctified by the Roman Catholic Church.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?

¹ For more information on Tammuz, see the article entitled, "Should a Christian Get Out of Idolatry?" www.eaec.org/bibleanswers/christmas/christians_and_idolatry.htm