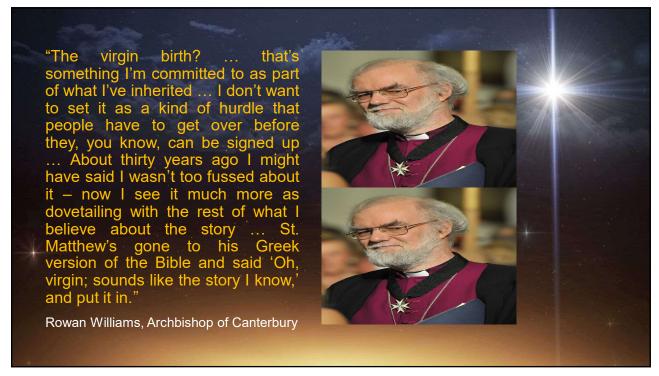
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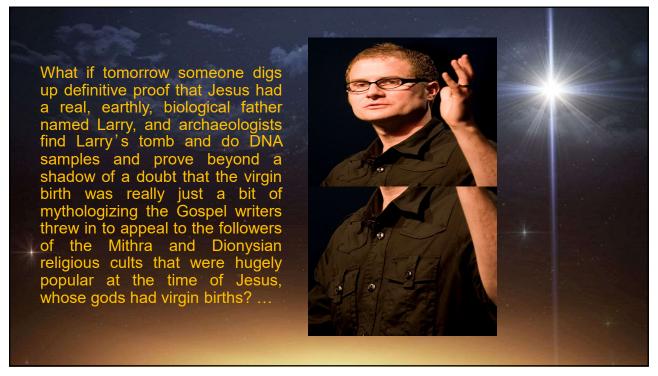




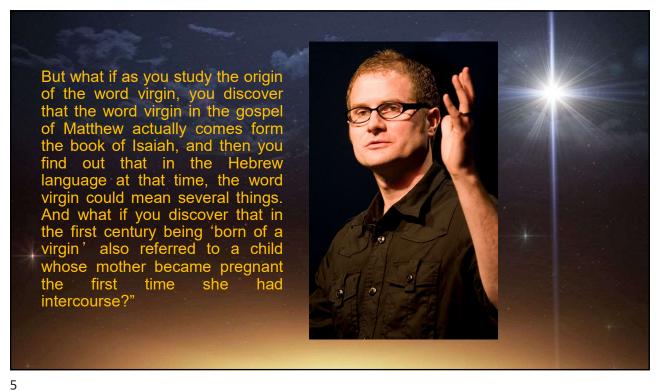
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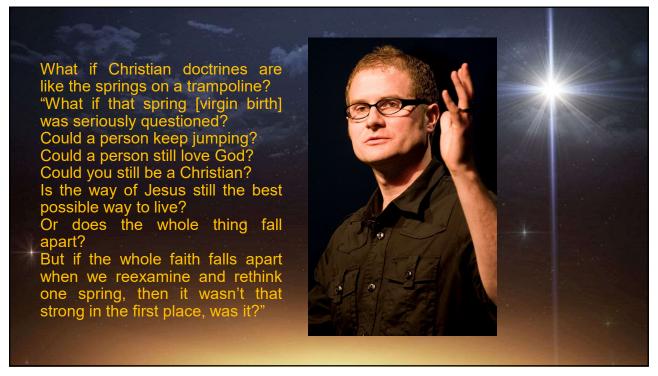


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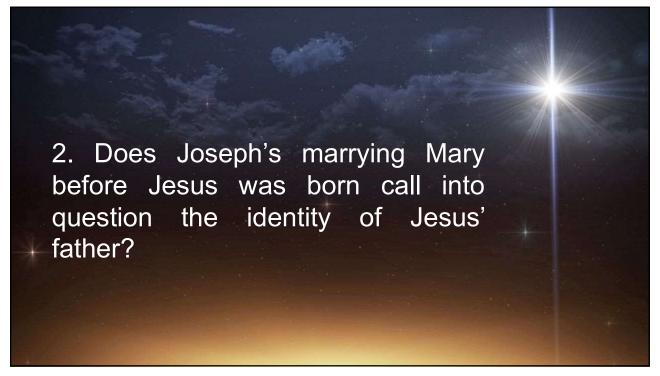




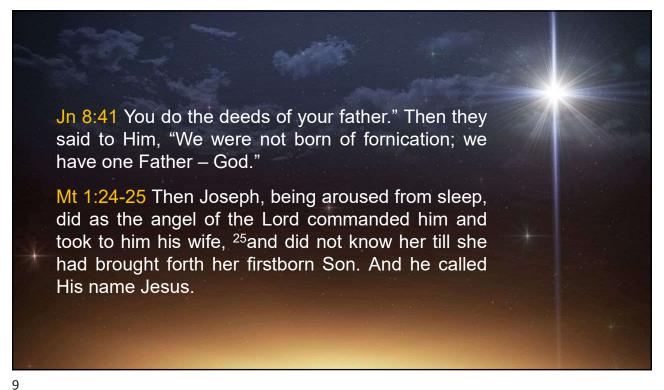
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Is 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Mt 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Lk 1:27,34-35 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ... ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

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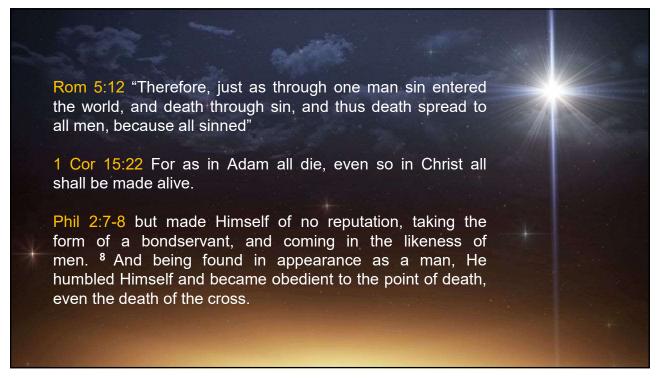


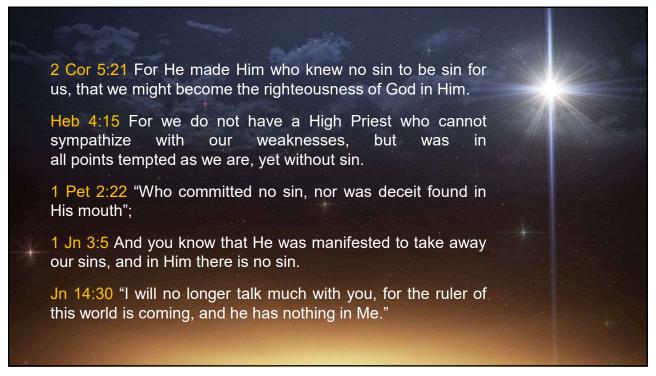
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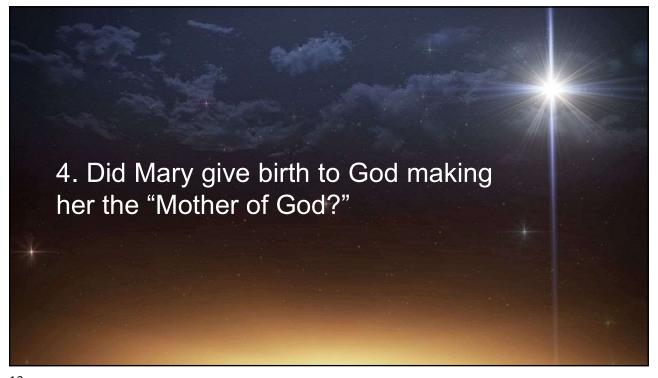


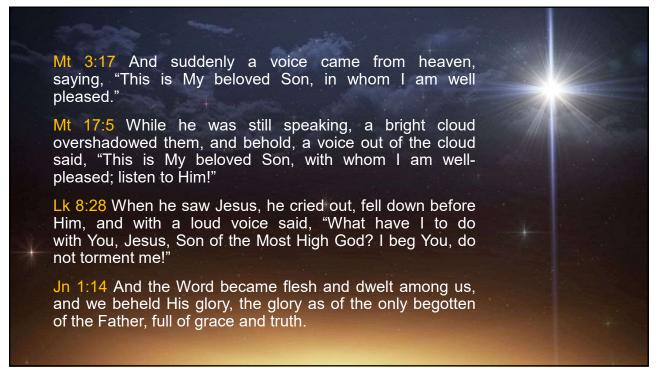
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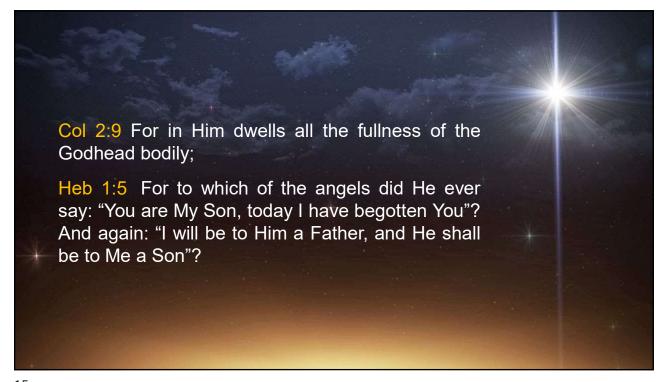


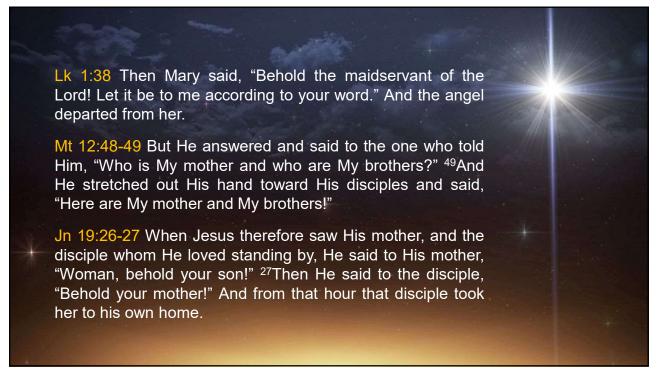
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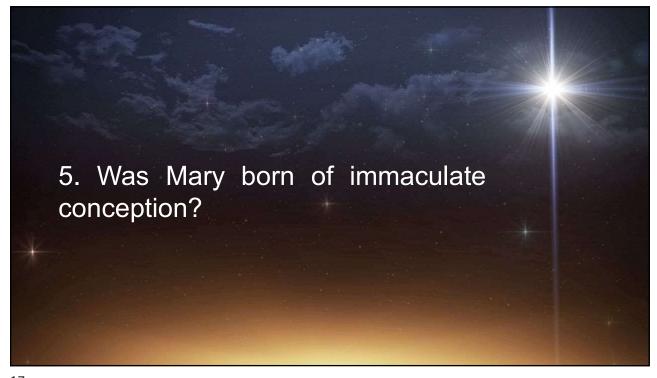


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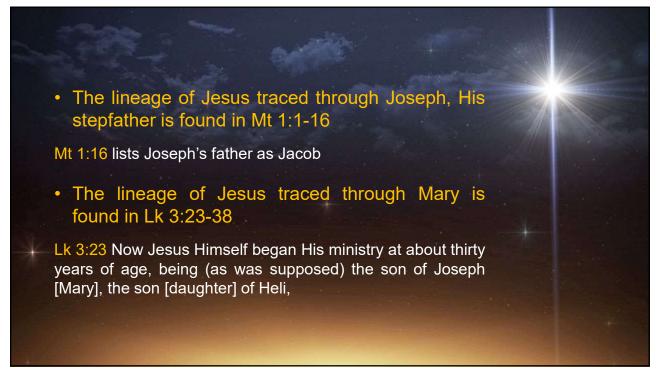


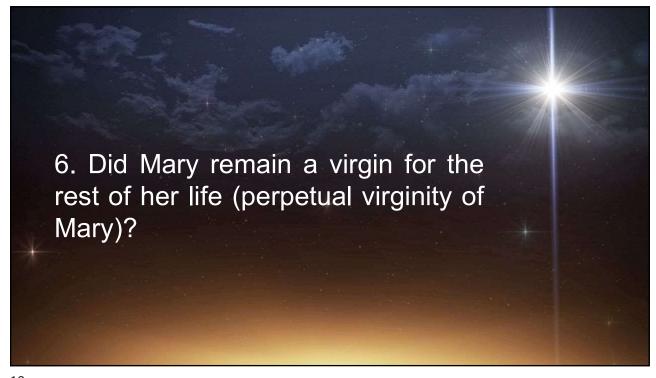


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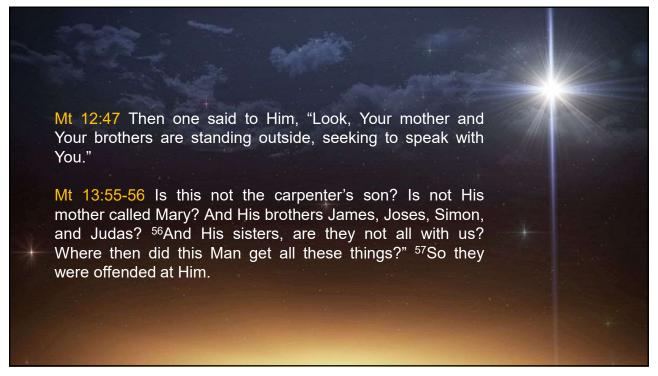


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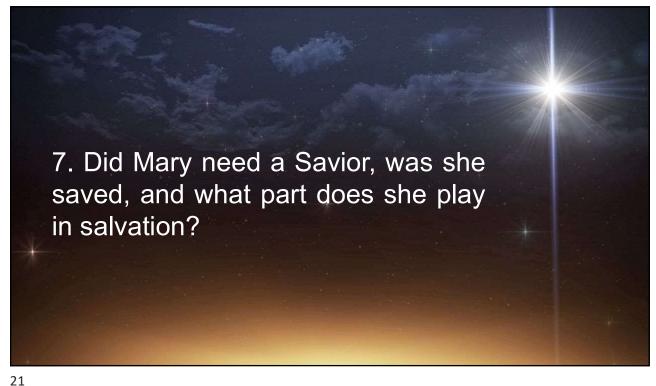


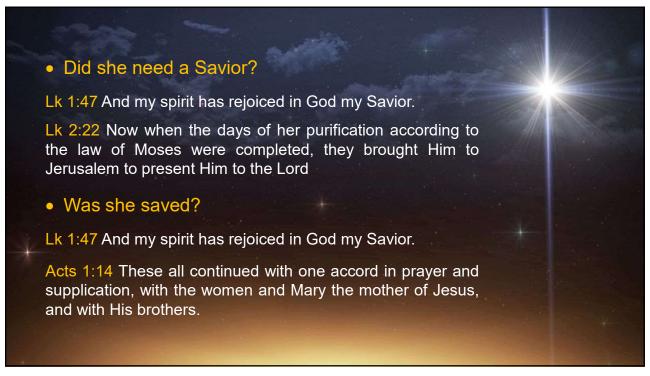


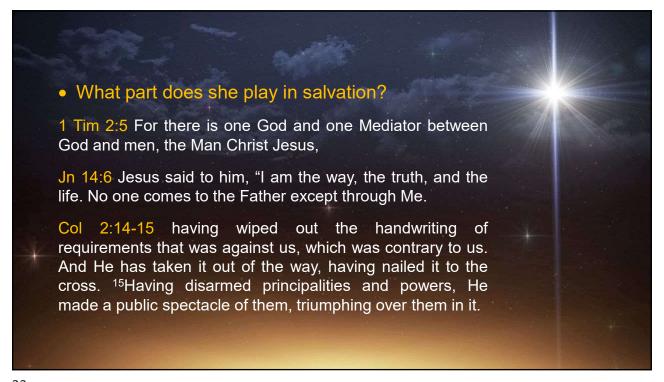
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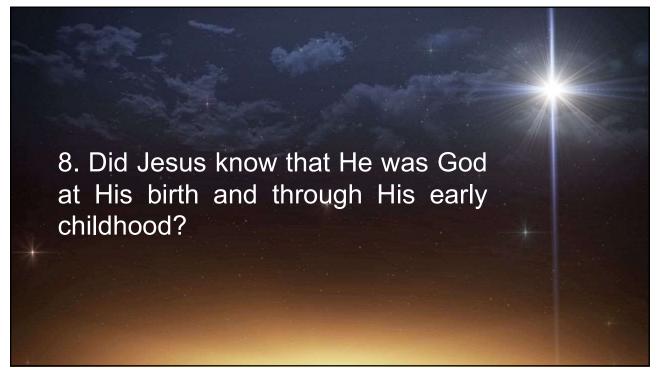
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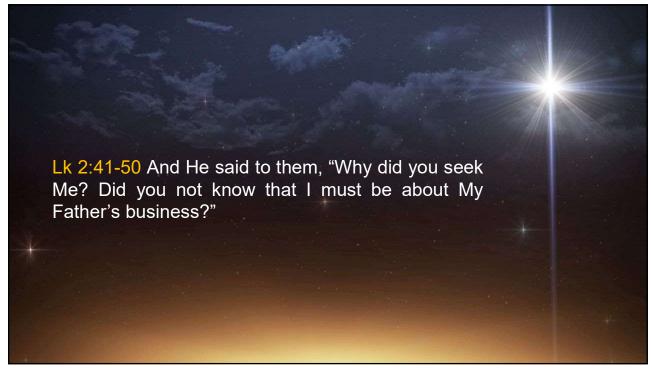




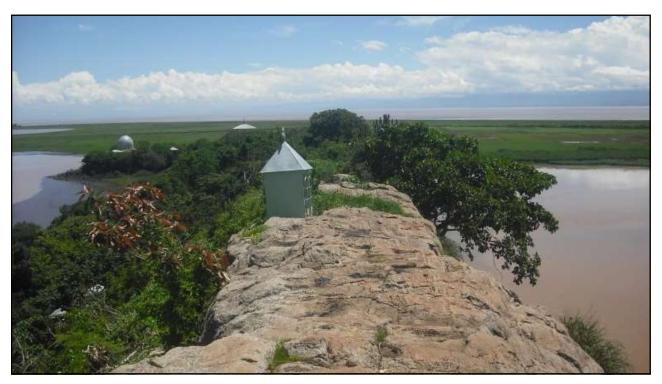
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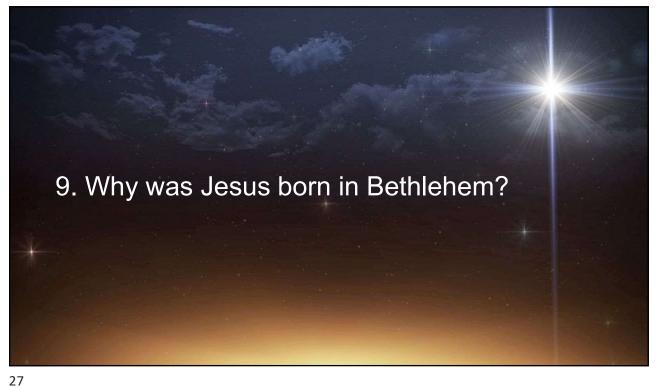
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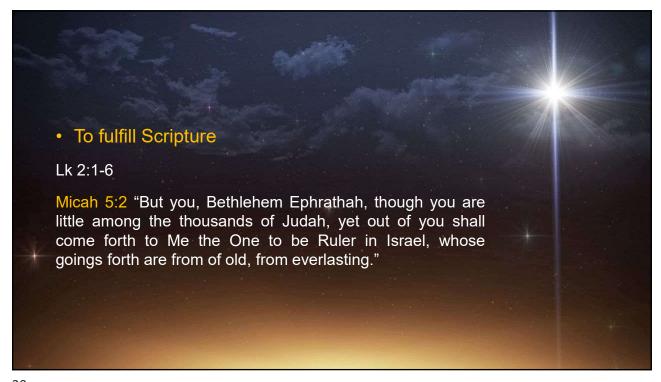


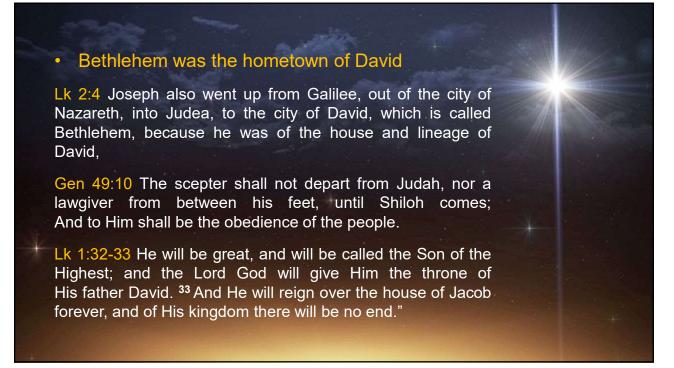
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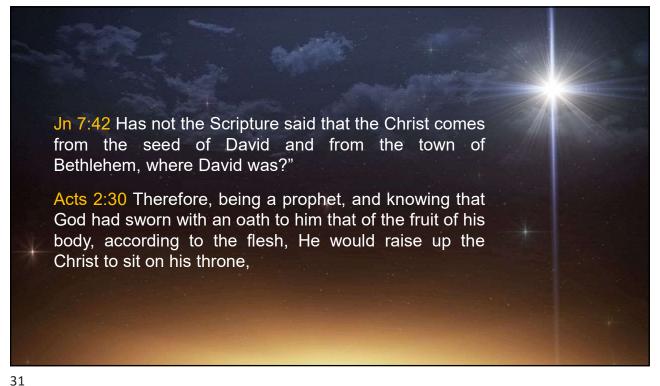


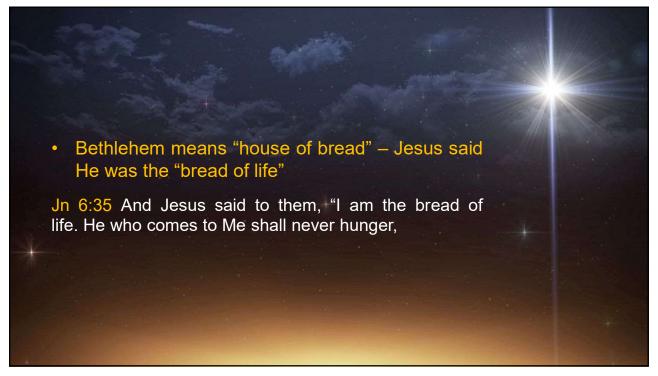
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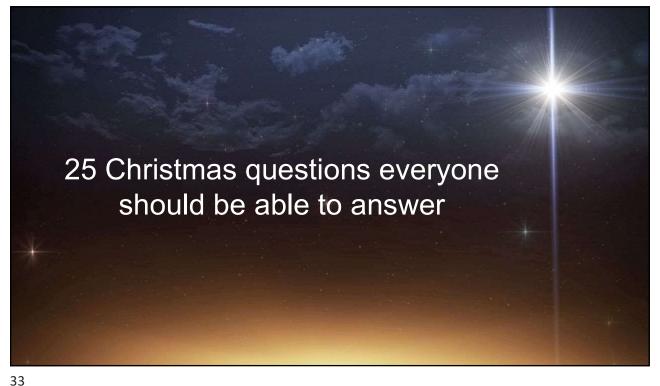


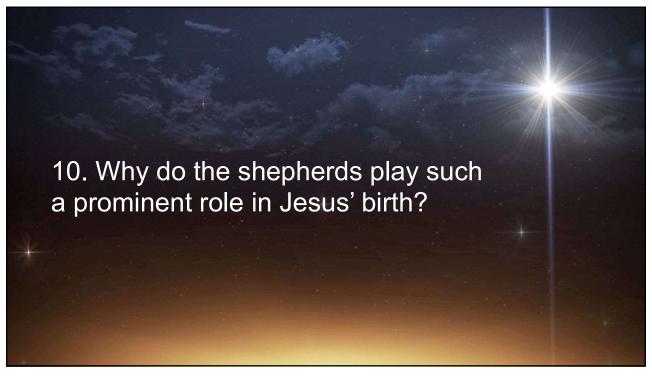


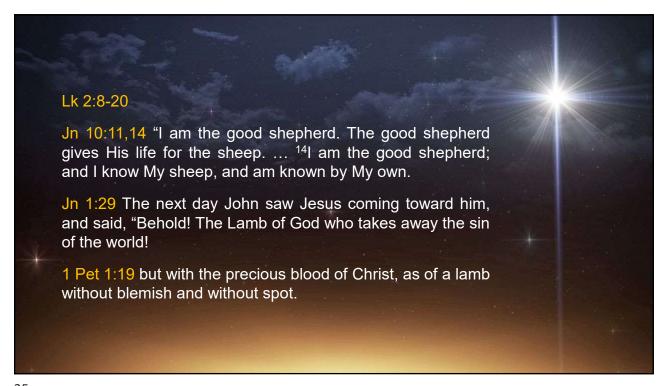
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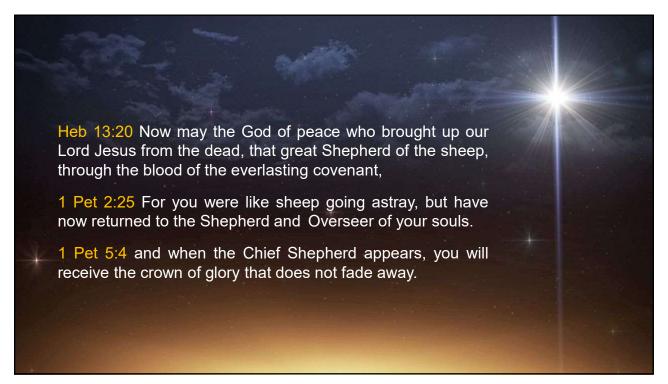


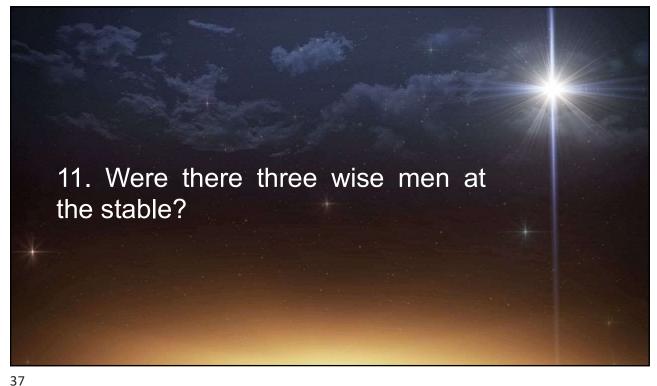


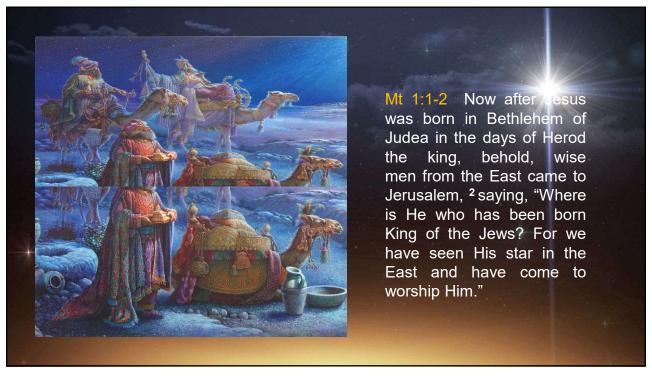




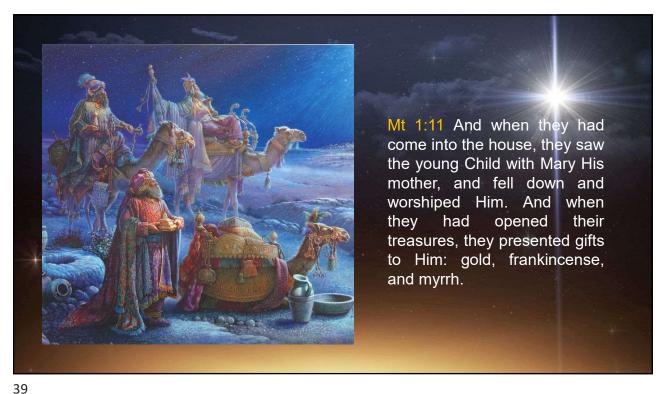
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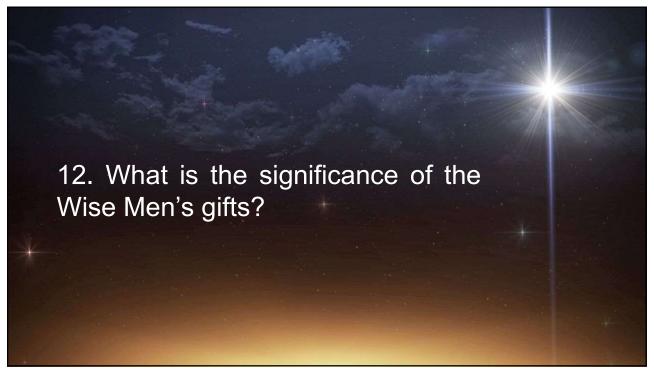






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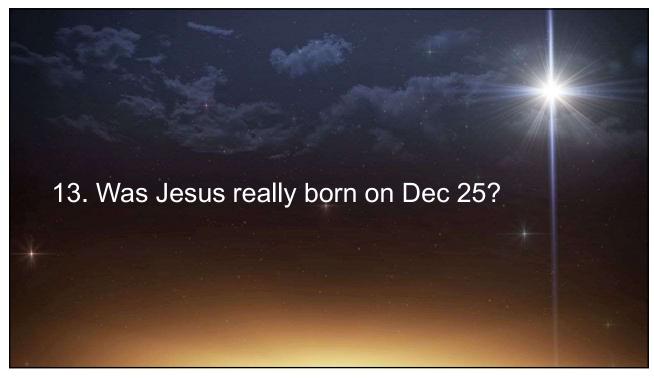




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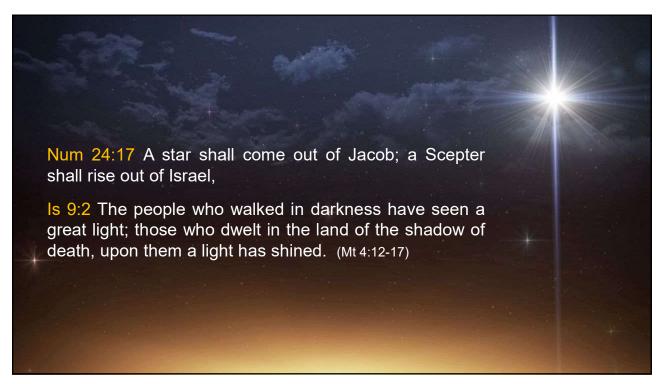




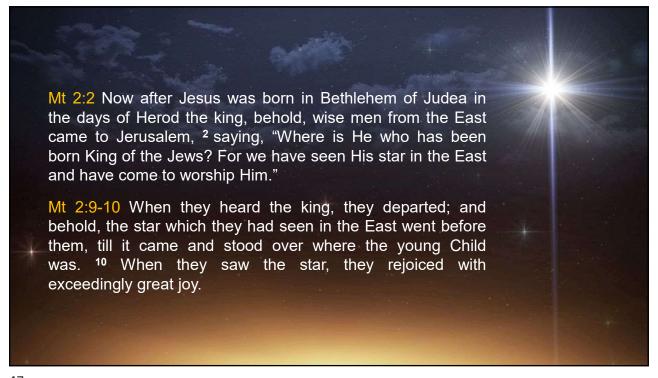
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- The Romans celebrated Saturnalia, worship of Saturn the god of peace and plenty, on Dec 17-24. The celebration was a time of drunkenness and debauchery.
- In 274, Roman emperor Aurelian proclaimed Dec 25 as Natalis Solis Invicti, the Birth of the Invincible Sun.
- In 320 AD, Pope Julius I declared December 25 to be Christ's birth and the celebration of the "Birth of the Invincible Son."
- As one theologian asserted in 320, "We hold this day holy, not like the pagans because of the birth of the sun, but because of him who made it."
- St. John Chrysostom preached the first known Christmas sermon entitled, "Homily on Christmas Morning," in Antioch on December 20, 386 AD



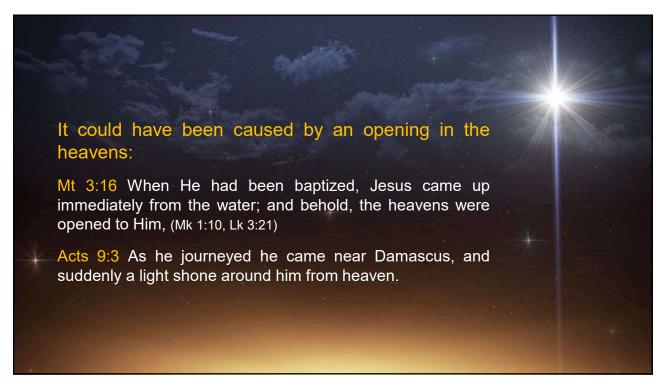
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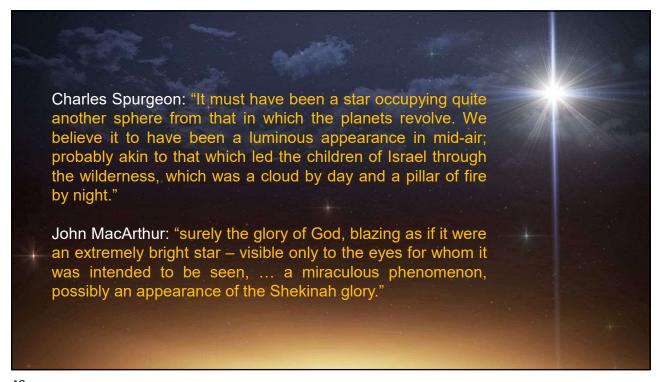


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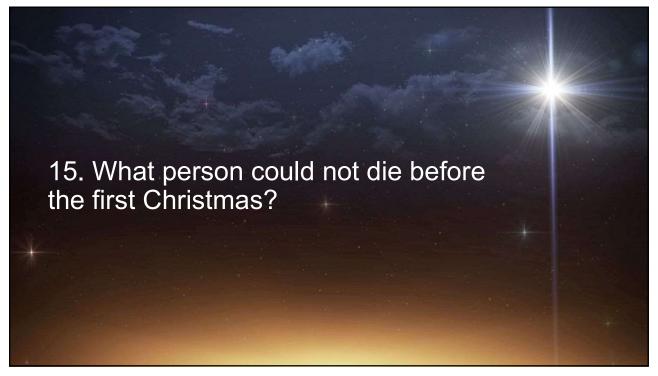


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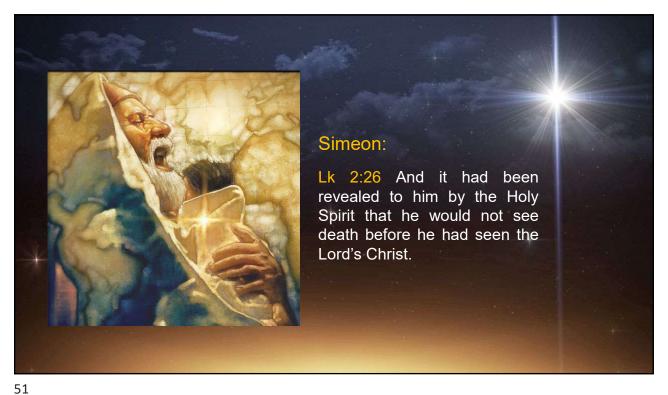




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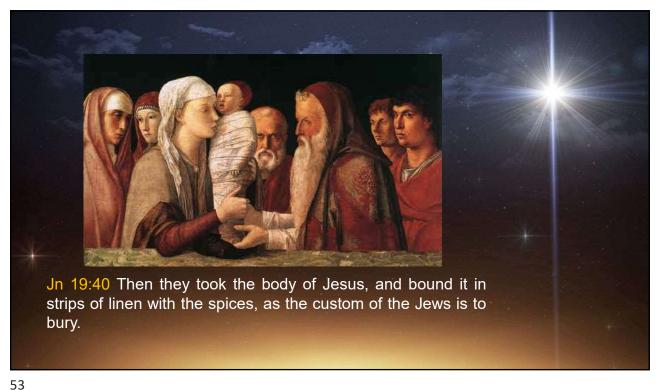


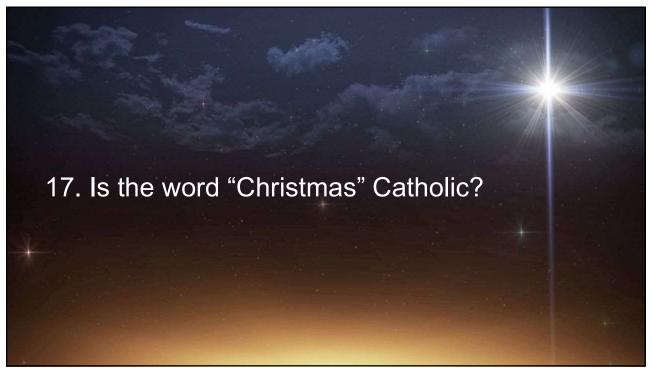
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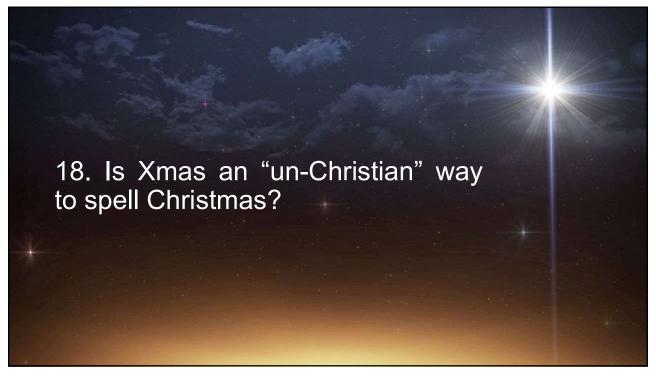




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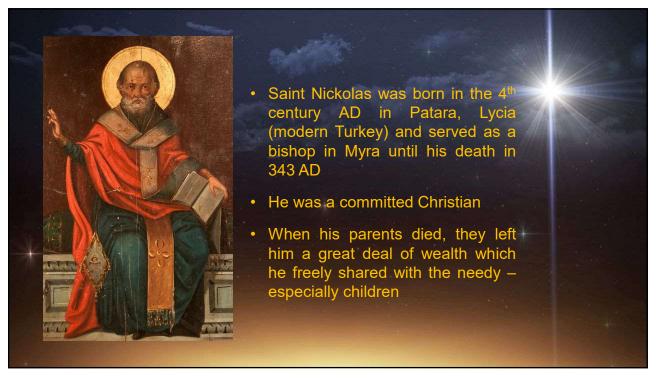
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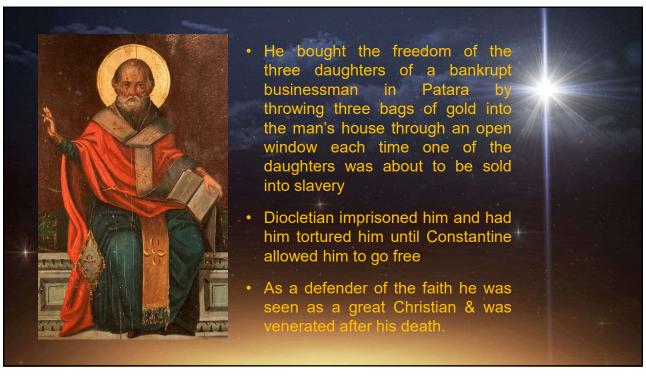


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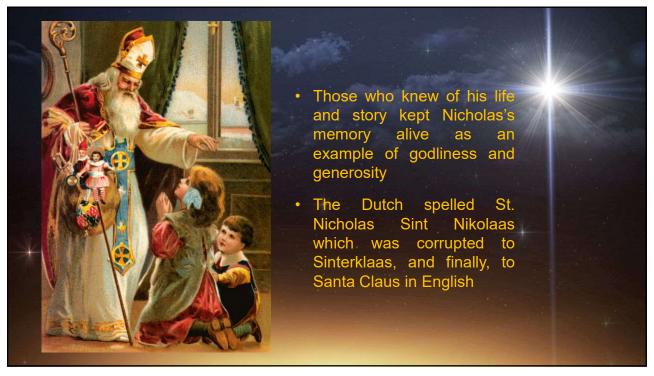




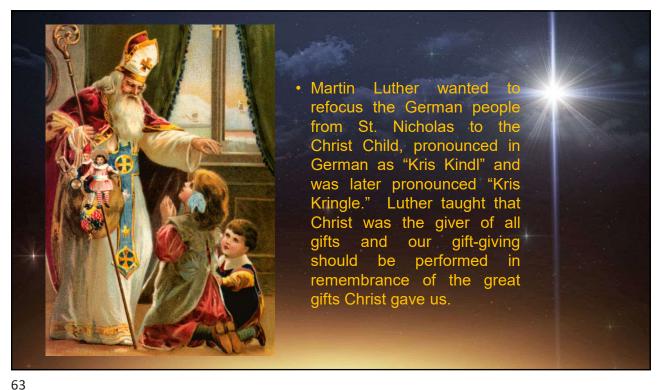
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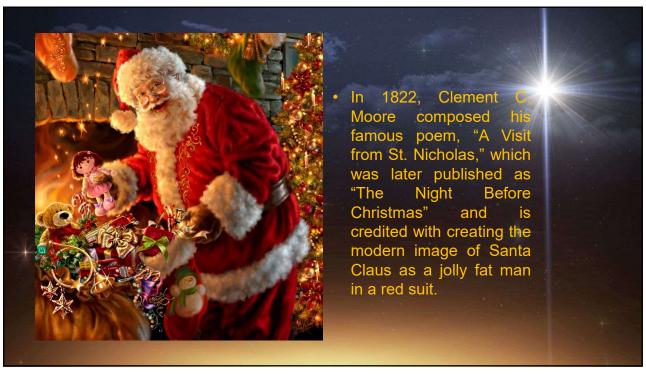


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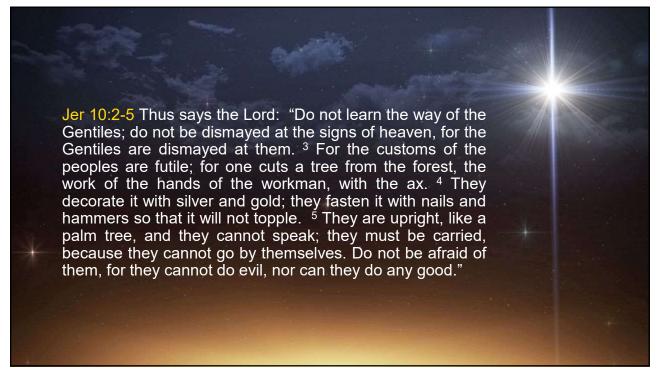


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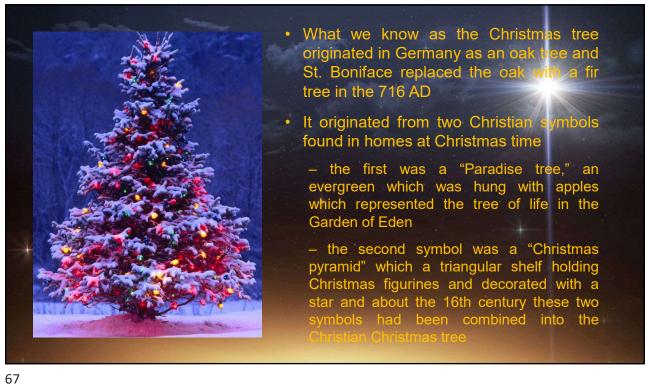


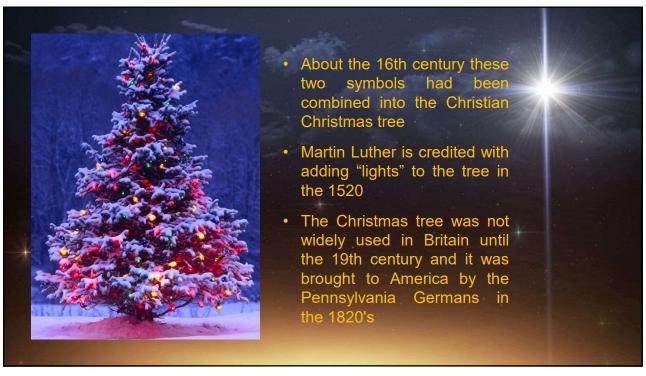


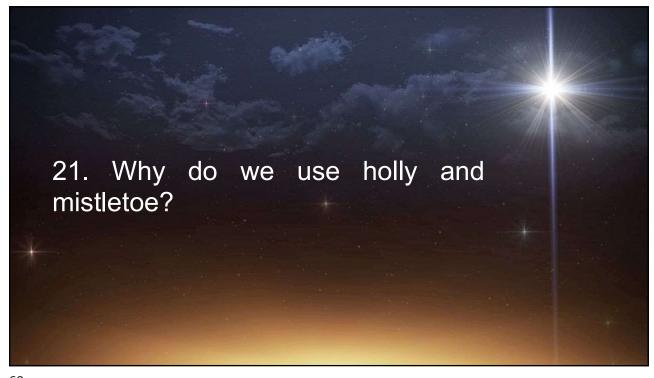




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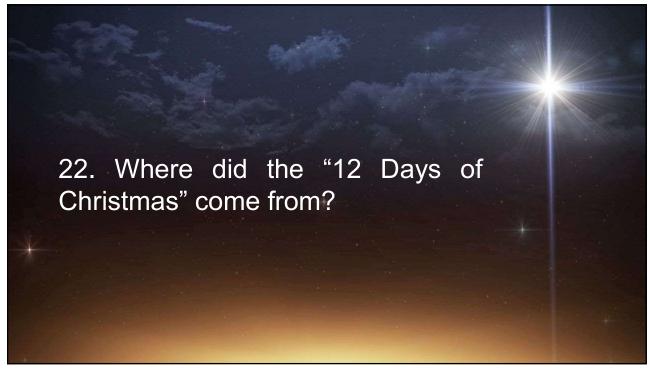




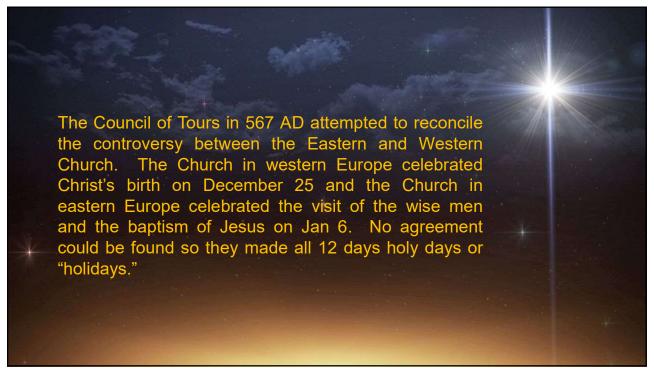


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The evergreen was used because it represented eternal life
The word "holly" is actually a derivative of "holy"
Holly was incorporated into the Christmas celebration by the early European Christians because the prickly leaves represented the crown of thorns Jesus wore and the red berries represented His blood
Wreaths came from victory laurels that were worn by the Romans and Persians
The use of mistletoe from the Scandanavians who believed it had healing and relationship-mending properties

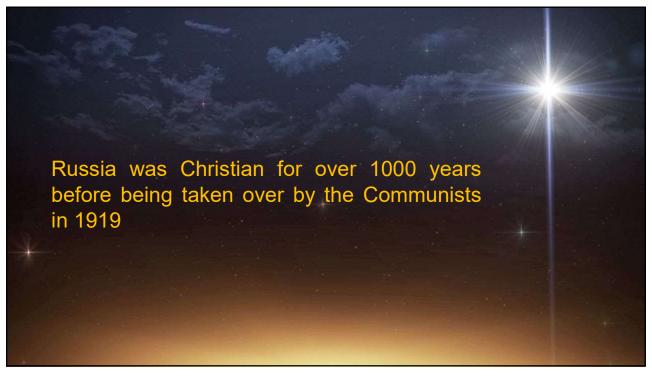


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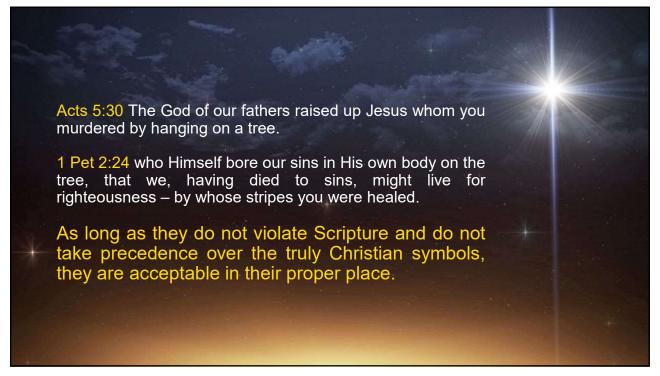


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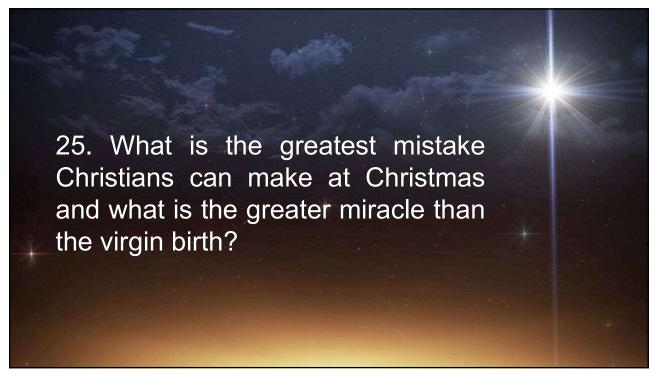








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