

CHRISTMAS

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The screenshot shows the Blue Letter Bible website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo, a search box containing "Verse or Word(s)", a dropdown menu set to "NKJV", and buttons for "HELP", "QUICKNAV", and "ADV. OPTIONS". Below this is a secondary bar with "COPY", "COPY OPTIONS", "STRONG'S", and "RED-LETTER" options. The main content area is titled "Search Results" and features a sub-navigation bar with tabs for "PRIMARY", "DICTIONARIES", "LEXICONC", and "FAQS". The "DICTIONARIES" tab is active, showing a search box with "christmas", a dropdown menu set to "NKJV", and an "Adv. Options" button. Below the search box, the results display: "christmas" occurs 0 time in 0 verses in the NKJV. A bolded message states: "There are no concordance results for 'christmas' in the NKJV. You can also browse through the various dictionaries."

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Is Christmas in the Bible?

- Christmas is never mentioned in the Bible
- There is no birthdate of Jesus Provided
- There is no command to observe or remember Jesus' birth

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- History of Christmas

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History of Christmas

“Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church, Irenaeus and Tertullion omit it from their lists of feast.”

Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 3, page 724

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History of Christmas

“In the year 354 a specific date was “set” by authority of the Bishop of Rome ... Liberius chose December 25th because of the feast of the sun, or winter solstice. A Roman feast which was traditionally celebrated at this time.”

World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, Page 1425

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History of Christmas

“Despite the beliefs about Christ that the birth stories expressed, the church did not observe a festival for the celebration of the event until the 4th century. The date was chosen to counter the pagan festivities connected with the winter solstice, since 274, under the emperor Aurelian, Rome had celebrated the feast of the “Invincible sun” on December 25th.”

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History of Christmas

“The same instance which sets Natalis Invicti (a festival of the birthday of the Sun) at the winter solstice (the time when days begin getting longer) will have sufficed to set the Christian feast there, too...The wish to place a Christian feast in opposition to the feast of the Sun at the winter solstice may have had weight.

The New International Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, pages 289-290

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History of Christmas

- What should have been the focus?
- Colossians 3:7-10 ""in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new [man] who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,"

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WAR ON CHRISTMAS

THE WAR ON CHRISTMAS IS A
WAR ON AMERICA.

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QUOTE FROM THE WAR ON CHRISTMAS: "... (FILL IN THE BLANK), CAN'T SEEM TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE FACT THAT CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOVE OR WORSHIP JESUS CHRIST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. YOU JUST HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE REASON THAT THERE IS SUCH A THING AS CHRISTMAS, WHICH MEANS THE MASS OF CHRIST, OR THE WORSHIP OF CHRIST, IS BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT JESUS, BORN 2,000 YEARS AGO. SHOULDN'T BE THAT HARD. THIS INDIVIDUAL WENT ON TO SAY ""YES, IT'S A STORY THAT'S 2,000 YEARS OLD, BUT IT'S STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE TODAY. JUST LOOK INTO THE EYES OF A CHILD ON CHRISTMAS MORNING OR LISTEN TO THE LAUGHTER OF A FAMILY TOGETHER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AFTER YEARS – AFTER YEARS OF BEING APART.

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“...WE FIND THAT THE SHEEP WERE KEPT OUT IN THE OPEN COUNTRY DURING THE WHOLE OF THE SUMMER. AND AS THESE SHEPHERDS HAD NOT YET BROUGHT HOME THEIR FLOCKS, IT IS A PRESUMPTIVE ARGUMENT THAT OCTOBER HAD NOT YET COMMENCED, AND THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, OUR LORD WAS NOT BORN ON THE 25TH OF DECEMBER, WHEN NO FLOCKS WERE OUT IN THE FIELDS; NOR COULD HAVE BEEN BORN LATER THAN SEPTEMBER, AS THE FLOCKS WERE STILL IN THE FIELDS BY NIGHT. ON THIS VERY GROUND THE NATIVITY IN DECEMBER SHOULD BE GIVEN UP.” BY ADAM CLARK ON LUKE 2:8

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Jesus' birth is important

- Jesus birth is prophesied throughout the Old Testament
- There were details provided in these propeses that would indicate when Jesus would be born.
- Jesus birth was a miracle.
- Jesus coming to earth, in human form, was determined before the foundations of the world to be the answer to the un-payable debt of sin.

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- 1 Peter 1:18-21 "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, [like] silver or gold, from your aimless conduct [received] by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 20 He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

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- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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God's Authority vs Man's Intentions

- Silence is not authority - Priesthood
 - Hebrews 7:12-14 "For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 For [it is] evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood."

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- Aaron's Compromise
 - Exodus 32:5 "So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow *is* a feast to the Lord."
 - Deuteronomy 9:20 ""And the Lord was very angry with Aaron *and* would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time."

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- King Saul's Reasoning
 - Background of 1 Samuel 13
 - 1 Samuel 13:13-14 "And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

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 - 2 Samuel 6:6-7 "And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out [his hand] to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for [his] error; and he died there by the ark of God."

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 - Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

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- And.... {Nadab and Abihu, Ananias and Sapphira, etc.}

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ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14 "LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, FOR THIS IS MAN'S ALL. 14 FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY WORK INTO JUDGMENT, INCLUDING EVERY SECRET THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL."

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- God has never struggled communicating commands
 - Think of the Passover, Pentecost, Atonement, Sabbath, trumpets/
memorial

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- God has never struggled communicating commands
- Gathering on the first day of the week
 - Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2
 - 1 Corinthians 11:20 "Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper."
 - Hebrews 10:25 "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

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 - Matthew 26:26-29 "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke [it], and gave [it] to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying,
"Drink from it, all of you. 28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

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- That is it...There is nothing more.

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Jeremiah 10:23 "O LORD, I know the way
of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man
who walks to direct his own steps."