

The Politics of Christmas Quiz

This is a "just for fun!" and "warmup" quiz in anticipation of New Life Lutheran Church's December 17, 2025 and January 7, 2026 class on *The Politics of Christmas*. [Find out more about the class here.](#) You are invited!

Your answers are private, but all of our answers together will be shared as part of the class.

This form does **not** collect your name, email address or any private information. If you wish to see how other people answered we will post a summary of everybody's answers on our [Politics of Christmas webpage](#) a day or two after our December 17, 2025 class. (And or an option to download the quiz to give to your family and friends during Christmas dinner!) Thank you for participating!!

1. What materials in the New Testament talk about the birth of Jesus? (*Check all that apply.*)

Check all that apply.

- The Gospel of Matthew.
- The Gospel of Mark.
- The Gospel of Luke.
- The Gospel of John.
- The Letters of Paul.

2. Where was the baby Jesus born?

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- Jerusalem.
- Bethlehem.
- Norfolk Nebraska.
- How am I suppose to know?!

3. What was "home" for Mary and Joseph?

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- Yachats.
- Somewhere in Galilee.
- Nazareth.
- Bethlehem.

4. How did Mary travel to the little town where Jesus was born?

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- She rode a donkey.
- She took the Greyhound bus.
- God transported her there spiritually.
- She walked.
- Really?! I have no idea.

5. Mary and Joseph found that there was "no room for them in the Inn." How come?

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- The only motel was closed for asbestos removal.
- It was Christmas after all. The town was packed with tourists.
- Government mismanagement.
- They got there after dark.

6. So, the couple ended up staying in a barn where Jesus was born. What animals were present to witness the event? *(Check all that apply.)*

Check all that apply.

- A cow and a donkey.
- Sheep.
- Three little pigs and a penguin.
- Once again, how am I suppose to know? I wasn't there!

7. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, angels appeared to the shepherds and sang for them. *(True or false?)*

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- True.
- False.

8. When the angels arrived the shepherds were . . . *(Check all that apply.)*

Check all that apply.

- Afraid.
- Mystified.
- Stoned.
- Sleepy.
- Glad for an excuse to go into town.

9. Besides the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, who showed up at the barn the night Jesus was born? *(Check all that apply.)*

Check all that apply.

- The Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
- Wisemen from the East.
- A U.N. inspection team.
- Family down from Jerusalem.
- "Silent night, Holy night." No one that I know of.
- Angels.

10. Who exactly were these "Wisemen" from the East?"

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- Kings and their billionaire friends.
- College professors.
- Bible scholars trying to disprove the divinity of Jesus.
- Tourists who also couldn't find a motel.
- Angels in disguise.
- I don't like any of those options!

11. How many of these "Wisemen" were there?

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- One from every nation under heaven.
- Four, plus two other guys to schlep their bags.
- Three - and they were all tenors.
- Actually nobody thought to count.
- Ummmm, I forget.

12. Jesus was born December 25 in the year zero. *(Check all that apply.)*

Check all that apply.

- No, no, actually Jesus was born on December 24th. That's why my wife insists that we open our presents on the WRONG DAY!!
- Jesus was definitely born December 25, but I don't think there is anything like a "year zero."
- Boy am I confused!
- Was there snow?

13. Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year" because . . . *(Check all that apply.)*

Check all that apply.

- Actually this is an essay question. I'll write 500 words and send it to you later.
- Because it is just a joy to give and receive gifts. I'll go wrap some presents right now.
- Because Jesus was born. (Really, that's hard?)

14. Even if I didn't get all the answers right, the baby Jesus was still totally born for me! *(Check all that apply.)*

Check all that apply.

- True!
- Really true!!
- Really, really amazingly, unbelievably. TRUE TRUE TRUE!

15. While we are not secretly collecting any information on you (that would be Santa Claus) it would be fun to know where participants are from. Would you be willing to share where you live with us? Thanks! (Ho, ho, ho!)



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