

# What is Christmas to you?

There is a lot of information on the internet - please look it up to verify in your minds the pagan origins of this festival. The final choice is yours, but the battle is for your soul - please read on.

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*We all have a free choice of what we want to believe. But the truth is still the truth, even if no one believes it.*

*A lie is still a lie even if everyone believes it.*

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree is basically the centrepiece for most homes over this period. It is really nice to have a family and friends focus, forget issues, and I hope that everyone is renewed after a very tough few years.

But have you ever wondered why and how decorated trees became such a big part, where the rituals practised come from, and is 25 December really the birth date of the Messiah? What if it is all incorrect and it is nothing to do with the Messiah, it is all to do with a pagan deity rebirth?

The Christmas tradition actually stretches back to pagan beliefs and festivals in ancient times (way back to 274 AD) of the annual rebirth of a sun deity (which was actually 25 December). However, Christmas itself is a merge of not just one, but a number of false deity's festivals and rebirth.

When winter solstice came around, many cultures would decorate their temples and homes with trees and wreaths because the plants represented everlasting life, peace and opulence. Some, such as the Vikings and the Druids, also used to bring the plant indoors as a celebration of life. It is all part of a pagan ritual, celebrating the lengthening of days as winter is halfway through, and the sun deity is "reborn".

All of Christmas traditions are pagan in origin and refer back to the rebirth of the sun as the days start to get longer. Unfortunately, churches have blended this paganism into their teaching, and simply state that this is the time we remember the Messiahs birth as we do not know when it was (but we do know, the Gospels tell us, and it is certainly not 25 December). In blending pagan worship and the worship of The Father on a pagan festival day, churches have been teaching that the Father and Messiah are a lower deity than a pagan deity. Otherwise the day being celebrated would not be the pagan celebration, it would be the Messiahs own special day.

In 274 AD, the Roman emperor Aurelian (Lucius Domitius Aurelianus) established a feast of the rebirth of a new deity, a solar god – Sol Invictus (sometimes known by the Greek name Helios), the invincible Sun which is on December 25. The Romans believed Sol died on December 21, before being reborn three days later on December 25. December 21 and the three days that follow are the shortest – and therefore darkest – days of the year in the Northern Hemisphere – now you have to admit, this all sounds very similar to the Messiahs resurrection?

This festival combined the festivals of both the old sun god (Sol Indiges) and the new official sun god (Sol Invictus). This is undoubtedly where our current date for c-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s date comes from although there is debate if it is this or the Saturnalia (another false deity) festival.

The Saturnalia festival was from December 17 to 23, it celebrated the false deity Saturn. During the festival, Romans ate and drank to excess, slaves sat at the masters' tables and were served by their owners, and the Romans exchanged small gifts. Does that all sound familiar to modern 25 December (and boxing day) practices? Constantine who lived 100 years or so later than Aurelian, may have also had a hand in introducing the date into the church.

BUT - if you celebrate 25 December, who are you actually remembering because it was not the birth date of the Messiah. The dates of birthdays were not celebrated by Hebrews, they were by Romans - another of many adopted pagan practices. Consequently, the birth date of the Messiah was not included in the Gospels, but the seasons and events around the birth were and that enables us to determine when the Messiahs date of birth actually was.

We are told in the Scriptures the month that the Messiah was most likely to have been conceived and from that we can determine the month in which he will have been born.

Pentecost occurs in Sivan (the third month of the Israeli year) and is roughly within the period May-June in our Gregorian calendar). Pentecost marks the day the Torah (Books of Law) was given to Moses at Mount Sinai. All Israel heard the Father speak the Ten Commandments from the mountain. Israel beheld the smoking fire, the resounding shofar blast, and the pearls of lightning and thunder. It was a fearsome sight. Pentecost also celebrates the start of the grain harvest. There is a lot of spiritual symbolism as the Messiahs parables also spoke of the grain harvest in his parables to describe the great in-gathering of souls at the end of time. (Leviticus 23:16). During this time it is warm, and the Shepherds would take their flocks out and sleep outside at night.

At other times of the year (particularly December in the Gregorian calendar) it was too cold for shepherds to sleep out at night. In December, overnight temperatures in Bethlehem are in the 4 to 5 degree region. It is most likely that the Messiah was born on the day of Pentecost. On this day, after the Messiahs crucifixion, the Set Apart Spirit was sent to mankind and the Apostles started preaching the Messiahs message to mankind. The parallel is that on this day, the Messiah could have been born to tell people of the Fathers Salvation plan - what could be more fitting?

So if you remember Christmas as the birth date of the Messiah, it is actually the date of the birth or festival of a false deity of one type or another - it is strongly pagan, usurps the Fathers salvation plan, and must be extremely offensive to the Father and Messiah. Incidentally, the Messiah is very frequently depicted with features that were previously associated with sun gods, such as a halo or a radiating crown of light appearing on his head and in a number of cases resembles the cross of the zodiac. I have also seen many nativity scenes with sun halos, and many other examples where the Scriptures are watered into pagan belief, eg 12 disciples and there are 12 zodiac constellations - so where do you think of all this comes from?

The point is, the Messiah cannot have possibly been born anywhere even remotely near c-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s day. As we mentioned above, the roots of the c-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s celebration go deep into pagan religious practices. Nowhere in the Scriptures is there a compromise with paganism without disastrous results. Merging the Messiahs birth date into a pagan festival is effectively placing the Father and Messiah below the false deity/s that 25 December was for.