

WHAT IS THE CHRISTMAS STORY?

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The popular telling of the Christmas story contains information that does not match with the scriptures. Which of the following ideas had you misbelieved prior to hearing this message? Try to reconcile these details with details given in Luke 2:1-20, if possible.

The Popular Notion	What does Luke say happened?
1. Mary rode a donkey	
2. An innkeeper turned them away	
3. Jesus was born in a stable	
4. Jesus was born on Dec 25, AD 1	
5. Three kings visited Jesus the night he was born	
6. The Christmas star shone over Bethlehem on the night he was born	
7. The angels sang at the manger	

2. The facts of the biblical narrative take Christmas out of the children's story genre and into our real-life struggles. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What challenges might Mary and Joseph have faced as Mary's miraculous pregnancy became more and more obvious?
3. Have you believed the biblical story or the popular one about Christmas? How does fully accepting the biblical account increase the sense of Immanuel (God with us) in your life?