

DEALING WITH THE HOLIDAZE

Allowing Christ to Change all my Daze - Part 1

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them... They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem... Luke 2:8-11 (NLT)

1. It is made clear that Jesus came into the world to be my _____.

While Joseph was turning the matter over in his mind an angel of the Lord appeared to him...and said, "Joseph..., do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife! What she has conceived is conceived through the Holy Spirit, and she will give birth to a son, whom you will call Jesus ('the Savior') for it is he who will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:22-21 (Phillips)

- It is also clear that most _____ the " _____ " Jesus.

2. It is made clear that Jesus came into the world to be my Lord.

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. ³³ And He will reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:31-33 (NLT)

- It is also clear that most _____ the "_____" Jesus.
- _____ rejected Jesus as Lord.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village...during Herod's kingship, a band of scholars arrived...from the East. ² They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the...sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him."³ When...their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem.... ⁴ Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars...and asked, "Where is the Messiah...to be born?" ⁵ They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory. The prophet Micah wrote it plainly: ⁶ It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land, no longer bringing up the rear. From you will come the leader who will shepherd, rule my people...." Matthew 2:1-6 (MP)

- _____ rejected Jesus as Lord.

Once a ruler once planned a journey to a distant country to take the throne of that country and then return home. ¹³ Before his departure, he called 10 of

his servants and gave them each about three months of wages.^[b] “Use this money to buy and sell until I return.”¹⁴ After he departed, the people under his rule despised him and sent messengers with a clear message: “We do not want this man to rule over us.” **Luke 19:12-14** (VOICE)

3. It is made clear that Jesus will _____ me if I trust Him to be my Lord.

Scripture says, “Whoever believes in him will not be ashamed.”¹² There is no difference between Jews and Greeks. They all have the same Lord, who gives his riches to everyone who calls on him.¹³ So then, “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **Romans 10:11-13** (GW)

➤ **THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT JESUS BEING MY LORD AND SAVIOR**

1. WHAT HAPPENS IF I EMBRACE JESUS AS _____ BUT NOT AS _____ ?

I will live a _____.

Then Jesus spoke to the people and to his followers. He said,² “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees have the authority to tell you what the Law of Moses says.³ So you should obey them. Do everything they tell you to do. But their lives are not good examples for you to follow. They tell you to do things, but they don’t do those things themselves.” **Matthew 23:1-4** (ERV)

“How terrible for you...! You hypocrites! You make fine tombs for the prophets and decorate the monuments of those who lived good lives;³⁰ and you claim that if you had lived during the time of your ancestors, you would not have done what they did and killed the prophets.³¹ So you actually admit that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets!³² Go on, then, and finish up what your ancestors started! **Matthew 23:29-32** (GNB)

My life will _____ the _____.

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.¹⁵ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are. **Matthew 23:13, 15** (NIV)

You are so proud of knowing God’s laws, but you dishonor him by breaking them.²⁴ No wonder the Scriptures say that the world speaks evil of God because of you. **Romans 2:23-24** (TLB)

I will be _____ on _____.

Many will say to Me on that day [when I judge them], ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and driven out demons in Your name, and done many miracles in Your name?’²³ And then I will declare to them publicly, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME [you are banished from My presence], YOU WHO ACT WICKEDLY [disregarding My commands].’ **Matthew 7: 22, 23** (AMP)