



Is It Wrong to Celebrate Jesus Birthday?

Not very long ago I was in my doctor's office getting a checkup. And we both like to hunt, and so we often times talk about hunting, and whether or not we were able to put any meat in the freezer this year. But as the conversation carried on, he asked me what we were doing for Christmas this year, and I reminded him that we did not observe the Catholic created Christmas celebration. And as the conversation went on, he asked me if I thought it was wrong to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Upon which time I asked him... What is the birthday of Jesus? And he paused for just a moment, and then readily admitted that he didn't know, but that they always celebrated it on December 25th.

At least at this point in time I knew that I was dealing with someone who was well aware of the truth. Usually when I have this conversation with someone, the person is unaware that December 25th is not our Messiah's birthday, and from time to time I even run into some individuals who will wrongly, argue that December 25th is Jesus birthday, (even though they have no scriptural or historical documentation to substantiate such a thing), upon which time I ask them to show me where it says that Jesus birthday is on December 25th in their Bibles. Most of the time they think that they're safe because they don't have their Bibles with them, but unfortunately for them... A true pastor does not go anywhere without his Bible. I have two of them on my cell phone. Most of the time the response that I get, is that they can't exactly remember where it's found in the Bible, but they're sure it's in there.

And even when you get them to admit that it's not in there... They almost always like to try and trap you with the same question. "*Is it wrong to celebrate Jesus birthday?*"

Now upon hearing this question at face value, one might think that it could never be wrong to celebrate Jesus birthday. But we who study to show ourselves approved are not so quick to agree with that conclusion.

Rather than answering that question myself, off the top of my head... I'd like to present what our God breathed Scriptures have to say about such a question, but before we do that... I'd like us to get a good grip on John 4:23-24:

Joh 4:23 *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

Joh 4:24 *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

In order to answer the question “*Is it wrong to celebrate the birthday of Jesus?*” ... We need to prepare ourselves to be able to accept the truth before we move forward. Often times we don’t want to accept the truth because we think in our Gentile minds, that we can just do whatever feels good. “*Oh pastor I just know that Christmas is the right thing to do because I just know it in my heart.*” But what are we told in Jeremiah 17:9-10:

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Jer 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

What does our father in heaven tell us to do, so that we will not whore after our own hearts?
Numbers 15:37-40:

Num 15:37 The LORD said to Moses,

Num 15:38 "Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner.

Num 15:39 And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after.

Num 15:40 So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

You see it’s not about doing what feels good in our own heart. It’s not about worshiping him the way we want to worship him. It’s about worshiping him the way he wants to be worshiped. God is God, and we are not.

With that being said, I think it’s fair to say, that no one knows when the birthday of Jesus is. There are indeed all kinds of theories, and speculations, but none have been proven beyond a shadow of a doubt to be accurate. There are some who think that he was born in the spring, around the time of Passover, and there are some who believe that he was born closer to Tabernacles, but I have listened to these theories and these speculations and have found both of these theories to be weighed and wanting. The truth is, that there is no historical evidence that has ever proven the exact day of the birth of the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

We know that our Messiah was born six months after John the Baptist, but no one knows what day John the Baptist was actually born on either. What we find in both the Dead Sea Scrolls, and our Scriptures may help to put his birthday in the proper season, possibly even within a week or so of being accurate... but it does not accurately tell us the day that he was born. Personally, I believe that it was probably sometime during the week of Tabernacles, however even I cannot prove that beyond a shadow of a doubt. And I believe that there is a reason why we do not know the birthday of our Messiah.

What's important to realize as Christians, is the fact that there are no birthdays recorded in our Scripture. Not one prophet, not one high priest, not one Levite, not one apostle, and not even the only begotten son of God, has his birthday recorded in the Scripture anywhere.

There are only two birthdays that are recorded in our Scripture. Both of them are pagan king's. And both of them committed murder on their pagan birthdays. The gospel message is very clear about how we are to pick up our crosses and to follow our Messiah, however... we do not see him exchanging gifts with the apostles, nor do we see him dragging a tree into the upper room to fasten it with hammer and nails so that it move not, and decorate it with silver and gold. And I believe that there is a good reason why we don't see our Messiah dragging a tree into the upper room or any other room, to decorated with silver and gold. Jeremiah 10:2-4:

Jer 10:2 Thus says the LORD: "Learn not the way of the nations, nor be dismayed at the signs of the heavens because the nations are dismayed at them,

Jer 10:3 for the customs of the peoples are vanity. A tree from the forest is cut down and worked with an axe by the hands of a craftsman.

Jer 10:4 They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move.

Now I have literally heard pastors bend and twist themselves inside and out trying to evade this Scripture. But the truth is my friends that this Scripture is very true and very real, and it cannot be so easily escaped. I have heard other pastors say that you must carve the tree into an idol, but I would submit to them that there is nothing in the Scripture that says that you must carve the tree into an idol, in fact the Scripture is very clear that they decorate it with silver and gold after they are fastened so that it cannot move.

So, it does not surprise me that our Messiah was not dragging Cedar or Cyprus trees into his house or the houses of any of the apostles, and decking them with silver and gold. And we certainly do not see Joseph his father doing any such thing either. Here are just a few examples of how "every green tree" was being used in the time of the prophets to worship pagan gods.

Deu_12:2 You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

1Ki_14:23 For they also built for themselves high places and pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree,

2Ki_16:4 And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

2Ki_17:10 They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree,

2Ch_28:4 And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under

every green tree.

Jer_2:20 "For long ago I broke your yoke and burst your bonds; but you said, 'I will not serve.' Yes, on every high hill and under every green tree you bowed down like a whore.

Jer_3:6 The LORD said to me in the days of King Josiah: "Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore?"

Jer_3:13 Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the LORD your God and scattered your favors among foreigners under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, declares the LORD.

Jer_17:2 while their children remember their altars and their Asherim, beside every green tree and on the high hills,

You see the Cyprus and the cedar trees were being used for pagan worship, and this is why our adversary has us bowing down to an evergreen tree to receive our presents from underneath it. And just to prove this out I'd like us to read Isaiah 14:5-19:

Isa 14:5 The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers,

Isa 14:6 that struck the peoples in wrath with unceasing blows, that ruled the nations in anger with unrelenting persecution.

Isa 14:7 The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.

Isa 14:8 The cypresses rejoice at you, the cedars of Lebanon, saying, 'Since you were laid low, no woodcutter comes up against us.'

Isa 14:9 Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it rouses the shades to greet you, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations.

Isa 14:10 All of them will answer and say to you: 'You too have become as weak as we! You have become like us!'

Isa 14:11 Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, the sound of your harps; maggots are laid as a bed beneath you, and worms are your covers.

Isa 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!"

Isa 14:13 You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north;

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Isa 14:15 But you are brought down to Sheol, to the far reaches of the pit.

Isa 14:16 Those who see you will stare at you and ponder over you: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

Isa 14:17 who made the world like a desert and overthrew its cities, who did not let his prisoners go home?'

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb;

Isa 14:19 but you are cast out, away from your grave, like a loathed branch, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a dead body trampled underfoot.

If we go on to read more of this Scripture we will quickly find out that this Scripture has to do with the devil himself being destroyed for the wicked deceptions that he is cast upon God's people... Including but not limited to... Dragging trees into their homes and fastening them so that they cannot move, and decorating them with silver and gold.

And so once again we see a direct correlation between the cedar tree and these pagan rituals which leads us straight back to the devil himself. So, it should not be of any surprise that we do not find our Messiah dragging a green tree into his house and fastening it so that it cannot move, and decorating it with silver and gold.

So, if it has been historically and scripturally proven, that we do not know the birthday of our Messiah... Then for us to say that our Messiah's birthday is on any day... Would be a lie, would it not? For us to lie to our children and tell them that any-one certain day is the birthday of our Messiah would be leading them into sin would it not? We as their parents would be leading them to believe in a lie. Who is it that would lead one of these little ones to believe a lie, and to stumble into sin, knowing full well what is written in Mark 9:42:

Mar 9:42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

Knowing and understanding this, I'd like to take you to another Scripture found in Leviticus 19:11-12:

Lev 19:11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.

Lev 19:12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

You see my friends when we deal falsely, and when we lie to one another, this is how we profaned the name of our God. If we have been baptized in both the water and the spirit, we have become the sons of God. If we, as the sons of God, who represent our father in heaven, break his commandments, we are then profaning the name of our father in heaven. And this is exactly what angered our Father against the Israelite people, when they made no distinction between what is holy, and what is common, or between what is clean, and unclean. They disobeyed his commandment, and did not keep his sabbaths and by not teaching their children these things, they profaned the name of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. Ezekiel 22:26:

Eze 22:26 Her priests have done violence to my law and have profaned my holy things. They

have **made no distinction between the holy and the common**, neither have they taught the **difference between the unclean and the clean**, and they have **disregarded my Sabbaths**, so that **I am profaned** among them.

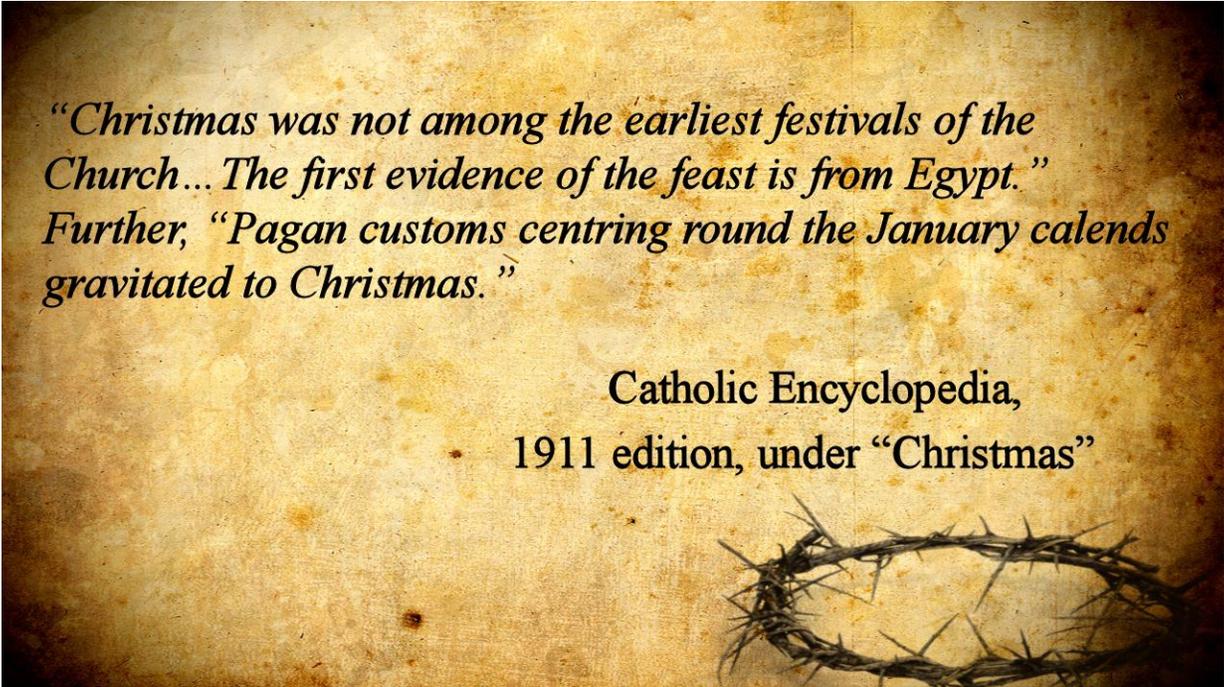
When we make no distinction between what is pagan, and what is holy, or what is common, and what is holy, we are once again profaning our father's name. When we do not keep our father's commandments properly, and we begin to whore after our own hearts instead of his heart, and we decide to just do as we please, and worship him the way we want to worship him, instead of the way he wants us to worship him, this is what profanes his holy name.

Is it wrong to celebrate the birthday of Jesus? Let me ask you this... Did Jesus celebrate the birthday of Jesus? Did the apostles celebrate the birthday of Jesus? Did Jesus celebrate the birthdays of the apostles? There were two pagan kings found in all of the Bible who celebrated their birthdays. And both of these pagan kings committed murder on their birthdays. And so, the next question then becomes... Does the Bible itself suggest, or lend credence to... Celebrating our Messiah's birthday? Does the Scripture command us to keep our Messiah's birthday at anytime, anywhere, in the Scripture? The honest, and quick answer to those questions my friends, is a simple no.

"But surely pasture, it can't be wrong to celebrate the birthday of our Messiah!" Here's another Scripture that most Christians love to put on a shelf. Proverbs 14:12:

Pro 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

What we as Christians need to understand, is that Christmas was created by Catholicism, and the "Catholic Encyclopedia" itself admits that the pagan feast of Christmas, comes from Egypt.



"Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church... The first evidence of the feast is from Egypt." Further, "Pagan customs centring round the January calends gravitated to Christmas."

Catholic Encyclopedia,
1911 edition, under "Christmas"

Let there be no mistake about it my friends... There are those who will continuously argue that Christmas is not of pagan origins. But the Roman Catholic Encyclopedia itself historically states otherwise. And by the way... What did our father in heaven tell us about Egypt?

Leviticus 18:1-5:

Leviticus. 18:1-5, "The Lord said to Moses, Speak to the Israelites and tell them: I, the Lord am your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you once lived, nor shall you do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you; do not conform to their customs.

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I would simply submit to you my friends that if we need to break the commandments given to us by our father in heaven, in order to celebrate the birthday of Jesus... Then we ought to think twice about whether or not it is wrong to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, and we should most certainly not celebrate the birthday of our Messiah like the pagans celebrated their gods. This is forbidden according to Deuteronomy chapter 12 verses 30 and 31.

Now I have also often times heard it said, that "*Billions of people around the world can't possibly be wrong!*" But once again my friends I would submit to you, that this is in direct opposition to what the Scripture tells us. James 4:4:

Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

Jas 4:5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

Jas 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jas 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Jas 4:9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.

Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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What would happen if we altered that question just a little bit? Instead of asking "*is it wrong to celebrate the birthday of Jesus?*"... What if we change the question to ask, "*is it wrong to celebrate the coming of our Messiah?*" Is it wrong to celebrate the coming of our Messiah? Absolutely not! In fact, I would submit to you my friends that each and every day, when we wake up, and we open our eyes to a new day, we should celebrate the coming of our Messiah.

I would submit to you my friends that our Messiah should not be celebrated on any one day... but that he should be celebrated each and every day. To put our Messiah in a box and say “*this is going to be your birthday whether you like it or not.*” Is blasphemous on its face. Our Messiah does not belong in a box, and neither does the worship of our Messiah belong in a box. How can we proclaim one day in our Messiah’s life to be greater than all the other days of his life? How can we proclaim that his birth is greater than his death? How can we proclaim to worship him when, and how we want to worship him, instead of when, and how he says to worship him? Who is it, that we think we are?

We know that our Messiah was indeed the word made flesh according to the Scripture. And so, if our Messiah is the word of God made flesh... Then obeying the word of God would seem to be the right thing to do would it not? Deuteronomy 12:28-32:

Deu 12:28 Be careful to obey all these words that I command you, that it may go well with you and with your children after you forever, when you do what is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

Deu 12:29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'

Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Worshipping our Messiah, the way the pagans did in Egypt is clearly unacceptable according to our father in heaven and what we clearly read in Deuteronomy chapter 12 verses 30 and 31.

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We all love him more than life itself... At least those of us who are truly born of the water and the spirit do. And it is because we love him more than life itself, that we should concern ourselves with doing what he asked us to do, and not whatever we please to do. Matthew 7:21-27:

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.

Mat 7:24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Mat 7:25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

Mat 7:27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

In the end my friends, just as our Messiah tells us in Matthew chapter 7 verse 21... Not everyone who calls the Messiah "Lord" is going to enter into the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of his father. If we are not doing the will of his father, we will not enter through the gates of his coming kingdom.

Even if we strip away the lies that we tell our children about Jesus birthday... Even if we strip away the lie of an immortal fat man, dressed in a flaming red suit, who comes down out of the sky in his magical chariot, to burst out of the flames of our fireplaces to give our children all the desires of their hearts... Even if we strip away the lie of this toy God that we have taught our children to worship instead of their Messiah... Even if we strip away the lie of Santa's good book, and tell our children the truth of our Messiah's book of life... Even if we strip away the lies of magical elves, and flying reindeer... Even if we strip away the lies about why we cut down a tree out of the forest, and drag it into our homes, and decorate it with silver and gold... We're still left with the biggest lie ever told to mankind. December 25th is the birthday of every major son God who was ever known throughout antiquity. December 25th is the birthday of Baal, and Moloch, and Horace, and little baby Tammuz... But it is not, and I repeat again "not" the birthday of the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

That which is built on a lie, is built on sand. That which is built on truth, is built on the rock. And for those of us who still continue to dabble in these things, and to dance with the devil in the pale moonlight, still whoring after their own hearts, rather than chasing after the heart of our Messiah and the truth that he brings to bear... I would simply like to ask...

How is it exactly, are they celebrating the birth of their Messiah?

Does it seem that we should worship our Messiah by racing through the nearest shopping mall and jetting through stores spending the last dollar that we have on the newest gizmos or gadgets to shower our children and our families with? What Idol will we put into our children's hands that causes them to worship worldly things rather than to worship their Messiah? What is it that we are worshiping exactly? What is it that we are teaching our children to truly want in their heart? Is it all about him or is it all about us? Is it all about who can buy the most? Is this what we have become? Is this the depths to which we have sunk? Do these things teach our children

who their Messiah truly is? Is this the example that we will set for our children so that they may know who the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob truly is? We continue to put these idols in front of them so that they may stumble. A tree of idols my friends? And what are we putting in the minds of our children? Are we teaching them the important things of our Messiah, and what he came to do, or are we teaching them about a toy God who is an immortal man who comes down out of the sky in his magical chariot to burst out of the flames of our fireplaces in order to give them all the desires of their hearts.

And what does this lie do to our children? Does this lie make our children humble? Does this lie teach them the importance of giving? Or the importance of taking, and wanting more? Do they know the truth about that Cedar tree that sits in the middle of their living rooms? Do we as adults even know the truth of the pagan origins upon which that wicked practice stems from? Or is this just another lie that we are comfortable telling our children? Who is it that we teach our children to worship during the Christmas season? Who is it that they write letters to him? Who is it that they want to be good for? Who is it that has a book that their names need to be written in? Who is it that teaches them the divination and magic of flying reindeer and magical elves? Who is it that tells us to stay away from these things?

And what are the origins of this “old Nick” that we teach our children about? Do we as adults even know and understand the underpinnings of where this “old Nick” comes from? Do we understand where his cute little cartoon elves actually originated from? Do we know the underpinnings of the truth of why the original “Old Nick” wore a miter fish looking hat that resembles the God of Dagon and the Roman Catholic Pope that stems from the Nicolaitans that our Messiah clearly said that he hated? Will we ever unmask the truth of who this “Old Nick” truly is?

Or do we think that this is the path that we should travel? Who would think that it would ever come down to this? I tell you the truth my friends... The battle between good and evil rages on to this very day. And just as the apostle Paul told the assembly at Ephesus... We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places.

The deceptions of our adversary and his minions knows no bounds. He dresses himself as an Angel of light in order to win the hearts of the weak, and the ignorant, and the uneducated. It is through these kinds of deceptions that he sifts us. It is through these kinds of deceptions that men are caught in an evil net, at a time that they least expect. Our adversary is well aware, of what is written in Ecclesiastes 12:13:

Ecc 12:13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

And he is well aware of the Shema, that is written in Deuteronomy 6:4-9:

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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What is the birthday of Jesus? Why is the birthday of Jesus not recorded in our Bibles? Why was murder directly connected to the only two birthdays found in our Bibles? Who was it exactly that we saw celebrating their birthdays in our Bibles? And if one is to celebrate the birthday of Jesus... What is the proper commandment? What is the proper etiquette? Not to mention... What is the true day... Of the birth of our Messiah?

In order to celebrate the birthday of Jesus... I would submit to you my friends that all of these questions need to be properly answered in order for truth to prevail and for righteousness to be done. I think a much more important question is this... Will we continue to lead our children into the lies of this world? Will we continue to qualify for the punishment of Mark 9:42... To have a millstone hung around our necks, and to be thrown into the sea, for leading these little ones into sin, by teaching them to love an immortal man who comes down out of the sky in his magical chariot to give them all the desires of their hearts, and to make him a replacement of their Messiah on the very day that we wrongly claim is his birthday?

I would submit to you my friends in no way would this be the proper way to celebrate the birthday of the only begotten son of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, who came to lay down his very life, and to be our sacrificial Passover Lamb, and to take away these very kinds of sin from those of us who choose to pick up our crosses and to follow him.

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As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. We will not make ourselves friends of this world, thereby making ourselves enemies of God. As for you and your family... The decision is yours. We simply suggest, that you make it wisely.