EXPOSING THE MYTHS OF CHRISTMAS

Myth #1 Christians Should not Celebrate Christmas -False! (Psalm 34:1-9, Matthew 2:9-11a)

Psalm 34:11 will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

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⁵ Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Exposing the Myths of Christmas ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

80h, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Matt. 2:9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Exposing the Myths of Christmas 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great **10y.**

11a And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.

Myth #2 Christians Should Not Give/Receive Gifts -False! (Matthew 2:11b, James 1:17)

Matt. 2:11bThen, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Myth #3 Christians Should Embrace a 'One Size Fits All' Christmas Mentality - False! (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Ephesians 4:1I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Myth #4 God Would Never Use the World's Sinners or Misplaced Emphasis to Glorify Himself at Christmas - False! (Matthew 2:1-8)

Matt. 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship

³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be

Exposing the Myths of Christmas ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

Mythbusting Christmas!

4 Myths About Christmas