

DO YOU BELIEVE

fundamentals of the faith
in the Christmas account



Introduction: Do you _____ the Bible to be the Word of God?

So, what are the five fundamentals of the Christian faith? They are:

What is _____?

The Inspiration of the Bible -

How can we KNOW that the Bible is true?

1. The Bible was given to us by _____ - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

*16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
17 that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Psalms 12:6-7- 6 the words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.

**2. The Bible was given to us by
the _____ - 2 Peter 1:19-21**

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

3. The Bible was given to us by _____ - 1 Peter 2:21

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Who were the Human Instruments?

Old Testament writers -

New Testament writers -

Do you believe that the _____ story really happened? Can we believe the storyline of Christmas as found in the Bible?

There are five clear movements surrounding the story of Christmas that are fully _____ which are found in the Gospel of Matthew. They are:

I. The _____ of Jesus Christ - Matthew 1:18

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Question: What are you going to _____?

Was there a _____ and a _____?

II. The visit of the Wise _____ - Matthew 2:1-12

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.

After Jesus was born students of the _____ came searching for Him. These students (wise men) of the stars came looking for the one that had long been predicted to come. Apparently, God wrote the birth of Jesus in the _____.

And even the gifts that the wise men brought to the Christ child are significant to the fundamental truth of the Christmas account. They brought...

- _____ - Fit for a newborn King.
- _____ - Fit for Jesus' role as our High Priest.
- _____ - Fit for the sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

Finally, the wise men were warned not to return to Jerusalem, but to go home another way (Matthew 2:12)

III. The _____ to Egypt - Matthew 2:13-15

Now, when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

Scripture teaches us that Joseph, Mary, and Jesus _____ in Egypt until the death of Herod. Herod died in 4 B.C. (Matthew 2:15).

The Old Testament Scripture also teaches, “*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*” (Matthew 2:15; Hosea 11:1).

IV. The _____ of the Innocent – Matthew 2:16-18

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

The non-Christian writer is Macrobius (A.D. 395-423) wrote,

Rachel tomb is at the entrance of the city of Bethlehem -

V. The _____ in Nazareth – Matthew 2:19-23

19 Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” 21 Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

Key Scripture about Jesus of Nazareth:

Conclusion: Just in those first five _____ of the Christmas story we have the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. And either all of it is true, or you can’t trust any of it. What is your verdict?