

# TRUE OR FALSE ANSWERS

**(1). True or False - there are no records of Joseph speaking in the Christmas story?**

- Answer: True.
- I'm sure he said something, but there is absolutely no record of him speaking at all.

**(2). True or False - the wise men were three kings from the orient?**

- Answer: False
- The wise men were not kings and we do not know how many of them there were.

**(3). True or False – The star did not appear above the stable?**

- Answer: True.
- It appeared above the house where Joseph's family was living (Matthew 2:9-11).

**(4). True or False – The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary first and then he appeared to Joseph?**

- Answer: False.
- Trick question. Gabriel appeared to Mary, but we don't know the name of the angel who appeared to Joseph.

**(5). Joseph married Mary immediately after the angel appeared to him**

- Answer: True.
- His obedience was quick, cheerful and complete. Matthew 1:24.

**(6). True or False – Mary rode a donkey from Nazareth to Bethlehem?**

- Answer: False.
- A donkey does not appear anywhere in the Biblical account. She probably walked.

**(7). True or False – Both Joseph and Mary were told what to name the baby?**

- Answer: True.
- Matthew 1:21 and Luke 1:31. Babies were always named by their father. God the Father gives Jesus his name.

**(8). True or False – Shepherding was considered a very noble occupation?**

- Answer: False.
- In first century B.C., shepherding was close to what we would consider car park attendants. Shepherds were unable to remain ritually pure according to Pharisaic laws and so were considered unclean. Yet God chose them for His birth announcement.

**(9). True or False – Was Herod the only one concerned about this new born king?**

- Answer: False.
- All Jerusalem was disturbed by this news of a new king (Matthew 2:3).

**(10). True or False – The wise men presented their gifts to Jesus as he was lying in the manger?**

- Answer: False - The wise men did not arrive on the night of Jesus' birth.
- The wise men arrive sometime after Jesus is born (Matthew 2:1). Jesus is called a child, rather than a baby (Matthew 2:11). He may have been as old as two (Matthew 2:7,16).

**(11). True or False – Some of the shepherds doubted and refused to believe the message they heard from the angels?**

- Answer: False.
- They went to see the baby right away, they spread the word, and they praised God for what they had been permitted to see and hear. No doubt there. Luke 2:15-20.

**(12). The Christmas story is found in two of the four Gospels**

- Answer: True.
- Matthew & Luke.