

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEKS CHRISTMAS IQ QUIZ

Joseph worked and lived in Nazareth, but he was returning to Bethlehem – “**his own city**”. *Luke 2:3*

The innkeeper didn't say anything. The Bible **doesn't even mention** an innkeeper. *Luke 2:7*

Most **mangers** (*a feeding trough for animals*) in New Testament times were made of stone.

The Bible doesn't say, we just assume that since Jesus was born in a stable that there were various barnyard animals present.

The magi saw the star. However the Bible doesn't say how many there were and they were not kings, but astronomers. “Magi” literally means “*stargazers*”

Although modern pictures show Mary on a donkey with Joseph beside her, the Bible doesn't say.

Luke 2:10 Although *Luke 2:13-14* record what the angel company said as they praised God together, only one angel spoke directly to the shepherds.

Luke 2:14 The word “*company*” means army literally thousands. 10,000-100,000. No wonder the shepherds were afraid.

Myrrh was used for embalming. Jesus was bound in linen wrappings filled with 75 lbs of myrrh.

We don't know how many magi, (*not wise men*) there were. It is assumed that since there were 3 gifts there must have been 3 magi. *Matthew 2:11*. When the shepherds found Jesus he was a *newborn babe* in a manger. However when the Magi appeared, Jesus had been moved to a house and in the Greek language was a “*toddler or young child*”.

Matthew 2:9 The star did not stay stationary over the house. The star moved in front of the Magi and guided them.

Matthew 2:2. The Magi assumed that Herod would know the birth place of Jesus. They should have known (*according to Micah 5:2*) but they seem uninterested in going the 5 miles to see for themselves.

It is amazing how God divinely inspired Matthew and Luke to write almost exactly the same words concerning Jesus' birth and his genealogy.

Matthew 1:19 and *Luke 1:39, 56*. Joseph wants to “put Mary away” secretly and Mary left town to see her cousin.

Luke 2:1-5 “There went out a decree to Caesar Augustus, everyone to his own city. A census was to be taken and Mary and Joseph were forced to make the difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in the latter stages of Mary's pregnancy,