

## CHRISTMAS - IS IT OF JESUS ?

**1)** Jesus never commanded to celebrate his birthday; he obviously never wanted to be likened to the pagan kings who arranged most expensive and pompous birthday parties as in the case of Herod and Pharaoh, each time associated with the sacrifice of a human life. It is true that the Bible doesn't forbid to celebrate one's birthday but the Bible never reports of any faithful worshipper of Iouo celebrating his birthday.

Thus, it remains a personal decision of everyone, whether or not he wants to celebrate birthdays. Some fanatics forbid birthday parties arguing that the Bible nowhere mentions birthday parties in a positive sense. But that line of argument is not only flimsy, it is outright wicked. For then it would become necessary to forbid marrying as well as the Bible reports of weddings leading to murder (David, Samson).

But Jesus commanded to celebrate his day of death with the evening meal (=Lord's Supper), which is the only Christian celebration with a biblical foundation. Because even a baptism is no reason to celebrate, but rather a dedicative offering (sacrifice) of one's whole life into the hands of Iouo. This is done in the name of "Iouo", in the name of "Jesus Christ" and in the name of the holy spirit, which isn't bearing any name being no person at all but only a powerful substance emanating from Iouo. Ecclesiastes 7:1 confirms that the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth.

**2)** The birth of Jesus, nevertheless, is treated and described to much detail in the Bible in the Gospels of the New Testament, because it fulfils prophecies of Old Testament prophets (i.e. Isaiah 11:1-10). The first Christians, however, didn't celebrate the birthday of Jesus! Nowhere in the New Testament! The Old Testament doesn't give an exact date of the prophesied birth of the Messiah. Also the New Testament doesn't give an exact date of then already happened birth of the Messiah. The Old Testament only gives clues pointing to the beginning of October of a year 30 years prior to Jesus' baptism. Jesus' baptism is dated rather exactly in the New Testament to the year 29 CE (virtually certain). As there is no year zero, you come to the birth of Jesus in the year 2 BCE. To calculate the date of his baptism, you find in the Gospels of the Bible very precisely the name of rulers and kings at this point in time. Thus, historic accounts point to the year 29 CE. The month October can be derived from the Book of Chronicles and the time of the division of Abijah's turn of temple service mentioned there. Zechariah was the father of John the Baptist and he

was priest of the division of Abijah (Luke 1:5ff). We must assume the point in time when Zechariah fathered John to be close to the time when he saw the angel in the temple. John was half a year older than Jesus. Taking all of this information into account, you come to October of the year 2 BCE. But this is not an exact and proven birthdate. Why does the Bible hide this? Obviously Iouo foresaw a coming non-Christian turmoil resulting from an exact date of birth.

**3)** Since shepherds were still on the fields, Jesus' birth could only have happened in autumn and not in deep winter. Everybody familiar with Israel is aware of the fact that the flocks are never left outside on the fields in wintertime.

**4)** Where does the festival of Christmas come from then? It wasn't before around 300 years after Jesus' death that it actually sprang up. That was when the Catholic Church was founded as state religion of the Christendom in the year 325. Until that time, the Christians were fiercely persecuted. All around the Roman Empire there were intense waves of persecution lasting years or even decades.

Christians were thrown to the lions in spectacular events held regularly in arenas for the public to watch Christians be torn to pieces by the lions. These events were held to satisfy the bloodlust of the masses used to seeing shed gladiator blood. "Panem et circences" (Bread and games)! This way the emperor could keep the people calm and easy to control. Nevertheless, the numbers of Christians kept growing because they deemed an eternal life to be more worthwhile!

The Roman Empire was not able to cope with the masses of Christians any longer. The masses of lions had to be kept all year round. Feeding them finally became too costly.

Thus, Emperor Constantine came to understand: only a single religion instead of many competing pagan religions would help unify the people of his world empire. And such a strong religion as Christianity would be fitting to that end.

That is why the state religion of Christendom came into being in 325, a horror to Iouo God (Jesus: My kingdom is no part of this world). But this was prophesied since long time ago by the prophet Daniel (Daniel 11:34). There, a "little help" was foretold! Please mind that this "little help" (NWT German, old version) was the "Edict of Tolerance" (Edict of Milan of the year 313). This little

help that originated from God but was never the state religion. God can never use wickedness to try someone!

**5)** Being a state religion led to a problem: Whom should one obey? God and Christ? Or rather the Emperor? And what is to be done with the many non-Christian public festivals held dear by the pagans? One of those public festivals were the “Saturnalia” in December/January and the festival celebrating the birth of the sun-god “Sol”. This huge festival could not simply be abolished. That would have led to an uproar!

Therefore one tinkered on it to Christianize the pagan religion. To put it clearly, pure Christian doctrine was raped by many pagan festivals and teachings.

A longtime quarrel and heretic apostasy among some Christians was conducive to that. Emperor Constantine very skillfully took advantage of this by advocating Athanasianism over Arianism. This established the trinity doctrine, which was officially accepted by Constantine in 325. But that was not taught anywhere in the Bible and not taught by Jesus. This so called Athanasian Creed is accepted until today by the great “Christian denominations” as part of Christian procedures. It was established by the pagan Constantine who beat Arianism without any Biblical justification. Like so often, wickedness and wicked things are readily and gladly accepted (cp. Calvin against Servetus)! Matthews 4:10 and the Revelation mention several times that only and solely Iouo, the Father and creating God is allowed to be worshipped! But never Jesus!

The festival of the Saturnalia and the birth of the sun-god Sol were simply taught as the birthday-festival of Jesus (=Christmas). But they were well aware of the fact that Jesus was never born on this date and that Jesus never wanted his birthday to be celebrated. But in this way, the birth of the sun-god Sol (=Solstice) was very simply reinterpreted and declared to be the birthday of Jesus, thus calming down the people.

**6)** Since that point of time, Christmas is celebrated as a “grandiose Christian festival” against the will of God. People resisting pagan influences were persecuted and murdered, even by the Protestants (Calvin murdered Servetus in this way).

**7)** From that time on, Church politics were always more important to Church leaders than the will of God as explained in the Bible. For example, Matthew 23:9,10 forbids the title “pope”. Similar things concern many religious leaders of the Christians with titles such as “governing body” of the JW-Org.

Throughout the history of the Church such things led to thinning down the Bible doctrine. It led in many cases to the persecution of those (stigmatized as heretics) who warned against that. They pointed out the Biblical truth: “This is not the way to achieve eternal life!” Such ones usually were disfellowshipped, excommunicated, excluded, murdered, muzzled and silenced, slandered, and even burnt as witches!

All Christian denominations until today adopted this behavior and put their dogmas above the Bible and thus above Iouo God himself. Just think the many theocracies (=states of God-rule in form of religious associations and organizations of all kind). And also think of Augustine, a former disciple of the apostate Mani and later a catholic bishop of Hippo and his work “De Civitate Dei”. And compare him with Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon in pre-Catholic times and his work against the heretics. The latter one, however, only meant genuine heresy to Christianity.

In this way, Christianity grew more and more worldly. This can be clearly seen in the history of Christian customs. For instance, the Christmas tree is only some centuries old. At the end, it grew into a huge commercial event for the Churches themselves.

Nobody is aware anymore of the modesty of Christ’s birth. Not only the traders and commercial world are profiting from Christmas! Likewise, also the religions profit moneywise as described in Revelation Chapter 17 and 18f.

There, all religions are designated altogether as a whore-mother called “Babylon the Great”, who reigns over the kings of the earth (Cf. crowning of Charlemagne) (Also the Jewish religion was in former times described in similar terms by the prophet Ezekiel in his Chapter 16).

Jesus once whipped the traders out of the temple, saying: “Don’t turn the house of my father into a market or a den of robbers” (loose rendering of Matthew 21:13 and John 2:16). Jesus repeated this whipping a second time shortly before his death.

**8)** Luther fought against this secularization and revived the importance of the Bible – as done likewise by other reformers (his advantage was the newly invented printing machine with moveable letters by Gensfleisch = Gutenberg, but already 18 translations of the Bible into German were available in Luther’s time but couldn’t reach its circulation without these printing methods). But Luther couldn’t prevent the Lutherans to become worldly themselves and

finally even burning people in public like the Catholic Inquisition did (among many other things).

We as a family therefore left all religious organizations and engage in work with the Bible only, with Bible doctrine and the pure name of God "Iouo", which the Father revealed to us along with many proves and spiritual witnesses ([www.iouo.de](http://www.iouo.de) is full of them). We also do not found a new organization like a religious sect! Like Noah, Abraham and many patriarchs, also Jonadab, we serve the "Dear God" without belonging to any organization. We see that as "defiling oneself with women" as the Bible calls it. We want to remain virgin-like toward Iouo and Christ Jesus.