

**Christmas Story
Luke 2:4-7**

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I. Mary and Joseph did not know the whole Christmas Story.

A. Mary and Joseph did not know where Jesus was to be born.

Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting."

John 7:42 "Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?"

Q1. Jesus was to be born in the town of _____.

Luke 2:4 "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)"

Q2. Mary and Joseph were living in the city of _____.

Luke 2:5 "To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

Q3. Did Mary and Joseph move to Bethlehem because they knew it was where Jesus was to be born or because they were to be taxed? _____

Luke 2:6 "And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered."

Q4. Mary and Joseph did not move to Bethlehem at the beginning of her pregnancy but at the time she should be _____.

Luke 2:7 "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

Q5. Was there time to find a place to buy, rent or use a house for Mary to have her baby? _____

B. They did not know that Jesus was the Lamb of God.

Genesis 22:7 "And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Q6, Isaac asked his father, Abraham, where is the _____?

Genesis 22:8 "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."

Q7. Abraham said that God would provide _____ as a lamb for a burnt offering.

Luke 1:12 "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Q8. An angel told the shepherds they would find the Lamb wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a _____.

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Q9. Mary laid Jesus in a _____ because there was ___ room for them in the inn.

Mary and Joesph did not know where or why a manger would be in the Christmas story so that God's works would be manifest.

Do not change the Christmas story by changing the manger to a crib.

John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Q10. Jesus is the _____ of God, taking away the world's _____.