

Biblical Backgrounds of Current Christmas Customs & Symbols

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Note for Teachers, Small Group Leaders, and Speakers: Give this quiz to your class, small group, or audience before your presentation. Then, either give them a clean copy to do as a post-test or ask them to self-correct their own pre-test at the end of the program.

1. The traditional Advent color is
 - a. green.
 - b. purple.
 - c. white.

2. The poinsettia symbolizes
 - a. the flames of fire in Moses' burning bush and God's descent to us.
 - b. the blood shed by the Bethlehem children Herod killed.
 - c. the genealogical color of David's royal family line.

3. Which of the following associated with Christmas has **no** basis in the Bible?
 - a. Wreaths
 - b. Three kings
 - c. Candy canes

4. The Christmas tree can be traced back to
 - a. St. Augustine.
 - b. Martin Luther.
 - c. the Puritans.

5. The real Saint Nicholas lived in the
 - a. fourth century A.D.
 - b. eleventh century A.D.
 - c. sixteenth century A.D.

6. In his youth Saint Nicholas was
 - a. playboy and the "life of the party."
 - b. a poor boy who had to work to support his infirmed parents.
 - c. more interested in studying the Bible than in playing games.

7. Saint Nicholas lived and worked in what is now
 - a. Italy.
 - b. Israel.
 - c. Turkey.

8. Saint Nicholas eventually became
 - a. Pope Nicholas II.
 - b. Bishop of Patara.
 - c. Archbishop of Myra.

9. Which of the following is **not** a reference to the virgin birth of Jesus?
 - a. Isaiah 7:14
 - b. Matthew 1:18
 - c. Luke 3:1

10. Which are the only two New Testament books where we read about the birth of Jesus?
 - a. Matthew and Mark
 - b. Mark and Luke
 - c. Matthew and Luke