

Food drive Biblical Christmas Quiz - December 11, 2014



How much do you know of the Christmas story as it is laid out in the Bible? Do you have enough biblical swagger to know the correct order sequence of Jesus' birth events without making a single mistake?

Imagine that you are in a 'Christmas Bible knowledge game show' and you are a finalist. The last task, if you choose to accept, before taking home the grand prize is to correctly order a list of events centered around Jesus' birth. Do you know your bible enough to knock it out of the park?

The host of the show is gracious and merciful and doesn't want you to lose your prize so he is making it very easy - it's an open Bible challenge. But wait - there's more! Not only is it open Bible, the host is giving all the passages for you to read so instead of reading the entire bible cover to cover which contains **31,102** verses - you as a contestant would only have to read **87** verses.

The host of the show is also giving you as may lifelines as you can use. You may call,talk, text, IM, email.... Someone else for support and confirmation.

Did I mention you have only 1 chance to get it right? No do overs. Only one submission accepted.

Paul mentioned in 1 Cor9:24-27 to run a race to win it and not to run aimlessly. Don't mark down what you believe is the answer without first verifying it first within the scriptures (Acts 17:11).

To make finding the phrase even easier, the exact phrase is "quoted" that is to be found. The bible being used is the 1995 New American Standard Bible (NASB). What if you don't own a NASB bible? No problem. Go to the following link: <http://qbible.com/nasb-new-american-standard-bible-1995/>

RSV 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that **in a race** all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So **run that you may obtain it.**

25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Well, I **do not run aimlessly**, I do not box as one beating the air;

27 but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

If you should decide to compete then what is the reward?

Paul quotes Jesus in Acts 20:35 saying '*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*' The prize is providing food & drink, caring for the sick and welcoming the prisoner as directed by Matthew 25:34-35. The first 4 respondents that correctly order the birth of Jesus sequence and answer the questions will have their prize money donated to the following organizations:

***** NOTE:** *you do not have to pay to play this challenge. Contestant fees have already been taken care of by a donor. All your contributions would be the time to read and answer the challenge. ****

Winner 1) **\$50** to the Salvation Army Austin (shelter & clothing) <http://www.salvationarmytexas.org/austin/>
Winner 2) **\$50** to the Capital Area Food Bank (food & drink) <https://www.austinfoodbank.org/>
Winner 3) **\$50** to Any Baby Can (helping the sick) <http://www.anybabycan.org/>
Winner 4) **\$50** to support a Prison Ministry (welcoming the stranger & prisoner)
<http://www.highpointchurchofchrist.org/serve/local/prison-ministry>

RSV Matthew 25:34-36

34 Then the King will say to those at his right hand, '*Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;*

35 for **I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,**

36 **I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'**

RULES:

Those who have chosen to compete then complete the below table:

1. On the first column mark number 1 to 14 of the correct sequence of the events of Jesus' birth.
2. On the last column write in the verse that this event is located (book, chapter and verse)
3. Answer the 4 questions below the table.

The verses that need to be read to answer this challenge correctly are:

MATTHEW 1: 18 - 25 AND 2: 1 - 23
LUKE 1: 26 - 35 AND 2: 1 - 39
LEVITICUS 12: 2 - 8

The maximum allowable time to complete this challenge **5 pm CST Dec 19, 2015.**

Let the challenge begin!



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Number	Event	Verse
11	Joseph, Mary and Jesus flee to Egypt <i>“Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night and left for Egypt”</i>	Mt2:14
2	Joseph and Mary head to Bethlehem for the Census <i>“Joseph also went up from Galilee from the city of Nazareth”</i>	Lk2:4
14	Joseph, Mary and Jesus arrive home <i>“and came and lived in a city called Nazareth”</i>	Mt2:23
4	Shepherds are visited by angels in the field <i>“shepherds staying out in the fields”... “suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God...”</i>	Lk2:8,15
12	King Herod orders the killing of all the male children under 2 years old in Bethlehem <i>“when Herod saw that he had been tricked... sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity from two years old and under...”</i>	Mt2:16
9	Wise men arrive and presents their gifts to Jesus <i>“they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh”</i>	Mt2:11
7	Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel to Nazareth <i>“they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth”</i>	Lk2:39
8	King Herod sends the magi to Bethlehem <i>“And he sent them to Bethlehem”</i>	Mt2:9
6	Mary presents Jesus <i>“they...present Him...”</i>	Lk2:22
13	Joseph, Mary and Jesus leave Egypt <i>“Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel’</i>	Mt2:21
1	Gabriel tells Mary <i>“Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.” “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus”</i>	Lk 1:30-31
5	Shepherds visit Joseph, Mary and Jesus in Bethlehem <i>“they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger”</i>	Lk2:16
10	Wise men leave another way <i>“the magi left for their own country by another way”</i>	Mt2:12
3	Mary gives birth to Jesus in Bethlehem <i>“she gave birth to her firstborn son”</i>	Lk2:7

How long did Mary delay in presenting Jesus? _____
“unclean for seven days” + “purifications for thirty three days” = **40 days** Lev12:2,4

What was the reason why Mary delayed in presenting Jesus? _____
“unclean from birth of child” Lev12:2,4

To whom did Mary present Jesus to and why? _____
“priest” Lev12:6 (the priest offers the child to the Lord – Lev12:7)

Who were the names of the two witnesses of this presenting? _____
Simeon Lk2:25, Anna Lk2:36