

The Birth of *Christ*

- The Bible does not say exactly *when* Jesus was born.
- 314 A.D. Bishop Liberius changed the 12/25 pagan holiday to a celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- The early church did not celebrate Christ's birth.



It's a Wonderful Life - 1946



Donna Reed



Jimmy Stewart





Classic Movie

Powerful Message!



Life has a ripple effect



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We all touch lives!

WHAT IF JESUS HAD NEVER BEEN BORN?



Sunday Dec 21 5:00 p.m.

PURSUIING

Growth

Daily

Personally
Relationally
Spiritually
Collectively
Daily

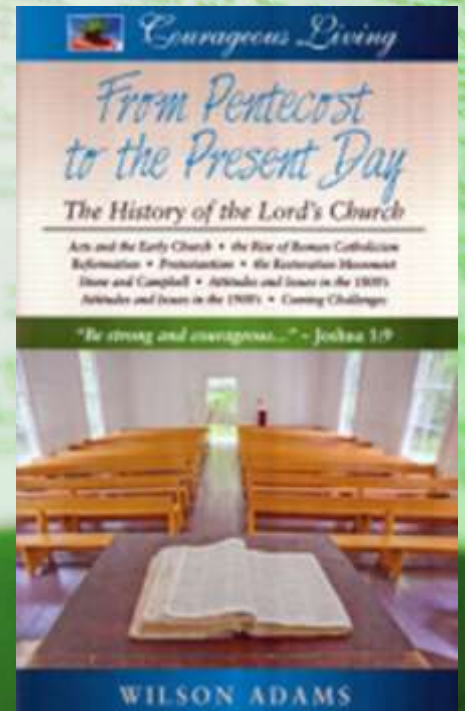
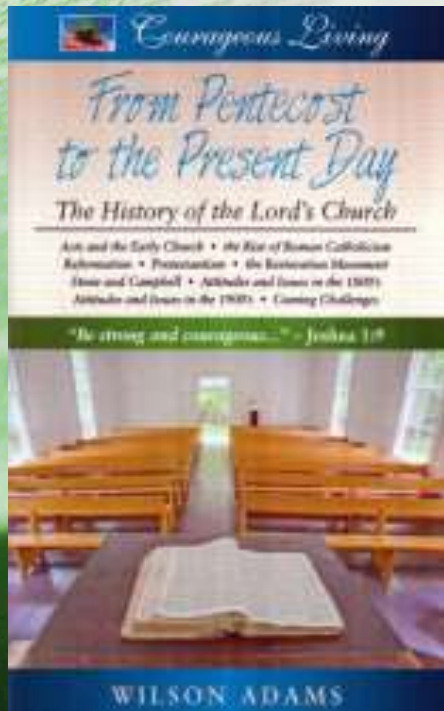
Current Sunday AM Bible Study

The History of the Lord's Church

SUNDAYS
9:30 AM

12/14 – 2/22

Please join us!





Current Wed pm Study

*STUDYING THE BOOK OF
EXODUS*

THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION

Wednesday nights – 7:00 p.m.
Winter and Spring quarter

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View of Woman

- **Jesus elevated women!**
 - 1 Tim 2:15 “saved through her childbearing.”
 - Appeared to Mary M.
 - 1 Peter 3:7 “**Joint heirs.**”
 - Gal 3:27 “**Neither male nor female.**”



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View of Children

- **Jesus elevated children!**
- **Children have value and worth!**
- **Matt 19:13-15 “The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”**

A silhouette of the Nativity scene is visible in the bottom right corner, showing Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, set against a backdrop of white clouds and a blue sky.

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View of Science

- **The Bible has inspired and brought out many discoveries.**
- **“An initial view of science tends to create *naturalists*, but a deep study forces one to *believe in God*” *John Clayton***

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View of Education

- **First 123 American universities est. by believers to establish faith!**
- **The invention of the first printing press was to get the Bible mass produced!**

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Gutenberg Press



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- **What if Jesus had not come?**
- **Three Consequences to our *spirituality*.**



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**We would not know Jesus
as our Friend.**

"No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends" (John 15:15). NASU

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WHAT IF HE HAD NEVER BEEN BORN?

**We would not know
God as our Father**

- OT – God is a Father – 7 times!
- NT – God is a Father – 150 times!

Jesus makes the difference!

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WHAT IF HE HAD NEVER BEEN BORN?

**We would not Jesus
as our Savior**

- I Jn 4:14 “We have seen as we testify that the father has sent the Son as Savior of the World.”
- Matt 1:21 “Call His name Jesus.”

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WHY IS THE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS A WONDERFUL LIFE?

THREE REASONS:

#1. When I follow the best, I *become my best!* (2 Cor 3:18).

#2. When I *cooperate* with God, I become *His partner* (1 Cor 3:9, Phil 2:13).

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WHY IS THE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS A WONDERFUL LIFE?

THREE REASONS:

#3. When my life is over, then I *really* begin *living* (Rev 21:4)!

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