

What If There Were No Christmas?

Selected Scriptures

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Introduction: Today we are going to approach the Christmas story from a different perspective by considering what the world would be like if Christ had not been born in Bethlehem.

I. If There Were No Christmas, The Prophecies Of The Bible Would Be Left Unfilled.

A. Christ's Place of Birth (Micah 5:2)

Micah 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

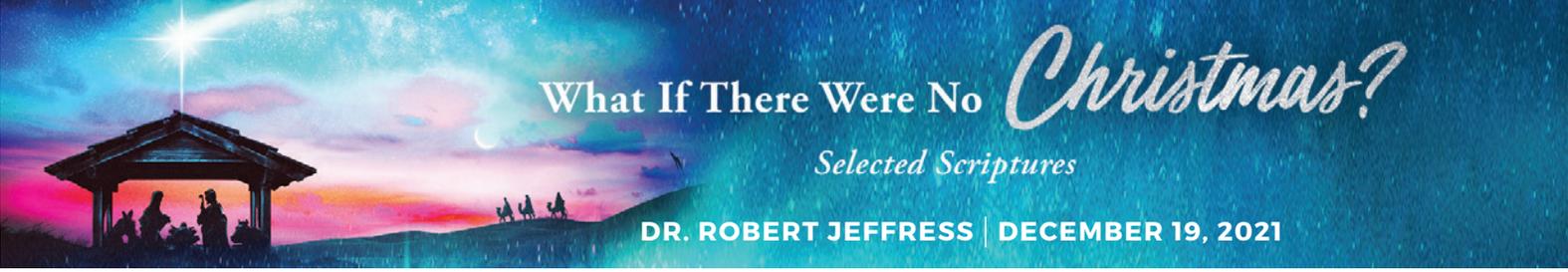
B. Christ's Manner of Birth (Isaiah 7:14)

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel."

C. Christ's Ministry (Isaiah 9:1; Matthew 4:12)

D. Christ's Betrayal (Zechariah 11:12-13)

Zechariah 11:12-13 ¹² "I said to them, 'If it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!' So they weighed out thirty shekels of silver as my wages. ¹³ Then the LORD said to me, 'Throw it to the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them.' So I took the thirty shekels of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD."



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E. **Christ's Death** (Psalm 22:14-18)

Psalm 22:14-18 ¹⁴ “I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me; a band of evildoers has encompassed me; they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

II. **If There Were No Christmas, There Would Be No Payment For Our Sins.** (Hebrews 10:4-7)

Hebrews 10:4-7 ⁴ “For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, ‘SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME; ⁶ IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.’ ⁷ THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.’”

III. **If There Were No Christmas, There Would Be No One In Heaven Who Really Understands Us.** (Hebrews 2:17-18; Hebrews 7:25)

Hebrews 2:17-18 ¹⁷ “Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”

Hebrews 7:25 “Therefore He is able to also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

IV. **If There Were No Christmas, There Would Be No Hope Of Life Beyond The Grave.** (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

1 Corinthians 15:17-19 ¹⁷ “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”