

FAITH KNOWLEDGE QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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"Preparing for Christmas II"

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1. On December 13, we celebrate a Saint whose name literally means "light". Her name is:
 - a. St. Margaret;
 - b. St. Agnes;
 - c. St. Lucy (Lucia).
 - d. St. Splendora.
2. This Saint (above) is associated with Christmas each year in this European country:
 - a. Sweden;
 - b. Italy;
 - c. Spain;
 - d. Ireland.
3. Saint Nicholas who was a real Saint and after whom Santa Claus is named is celebrated on:
 - a. December 27, each year;
 - b. December 24, each year;
 - c. January 6, each year;
 - d. December 6, each year
4. Saint Nicholas lived in the fourth century and was:
 - a. a teacher who taught the children of the poor;
 - b. a Bishop renowned for his generosity to the poor;
 - c. a carpenter who made toys for children;
 - d. a generous King who reached out to the poor children of his kingdom.
5. The star that appeared at the birth of Christ is only mentioned:
 - a. in the Gospel of Mark;
 - b. in the Letters of St. Paul;
 - c. in the Gospel of Matthew;
 - d. in the Book of Revelations.
6. The visit of shepherds in the Nativity story is only mentioned,
 - a. in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles;
 - b. in the Gospel of Luke;
 - c. in the Gospel of John;
 - d. in St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.
7. The Visit of the Magi (the wise men) is only mentioned
 - a. in the Book of Revelations;
 - b. in the Gospel of Mark;
 - c. in the Gospel of Matthew;
 - d. it is not mentioned in the Bible.

8. In Luke's account of the birth of Christ,
- a. a manger and a stable are mentioned;
 - b. a manger but no stable is mentioned;
 - c. a stable but no manger is mentioned;
 - d. neither a stable nor a manger are mentioned anywhere in the Gospels.
9. One of the reasons why the visit of the shepherds was important for one Gospel writer is:
- a. to remind us that Jesus was poor;
 - b. to tell us that Jesus loves shepherds more than any other group;
 - c. to remind us of the plight of so many poor people in the world;
 - d. to remind us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd.
10. The Church insisted on celebrating the birth of Christ besides His Resurrection each year,
- a. because babies are so endearing to us;
 - b. to remind us that His birth is more significant than his Resurrection;
 - c. because some Christians in the 4th century did not believe that Jesus was human;
 - d. because some Christians wanted a warm and joyful celebration in December.
11. The 'little drummer boy' who is mentioned in our Christmas carols,
- a. is just mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew;
 - b. is not mentioned anywhere in the Gospels;
 - c. is mentioned in the Gospels of Mark and John;
 - d. is vaguely referred to in the the Letters of St. Paul.
12. The very first Nativity scene included real people and was organized in:
- a. Bethlehem by St. Stephen ;
 - b. Greccio, Italy by St. Francis;
 - c. Rome, by Pope Gregory, the Great;
 - d. Gubbio, Italy by St. Francis

CORRECT ANSWERS

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| <p>1. c. She was a martyr who is often depicted as being radiant (light).</p> <p>2. a. Swedish girls dress in white and have crowns of candles on their heads and they process through the streets on December 13th.</p> <p>3. d. This is why in some European nations, gifts are exchanged on December 6th instead of on December 25th.</p> <p>4. b. He was a Bishop who used his inheritance to help the poor of his Diocese.</p> <p>5. c. By mentioning the star, Matthew also wanted to symbolically represent the Jewish Faith (<i>Star of David</i>), that led the world to Jesus.</p> <p>6. b. The other Gospels do not mention them.</p> | <p>7. c. For Matthew this shows that Christ came not just for the Jews but for all in the world.</p> <p>8. b. We place the manger in a stable which is where it belongs, but Luke makes no specific mention of a stable or a house, just a manger.</p> <p>9. d. Luke teaches us that Christ accepted the shepherds and sheep because He is our Good Shepherd and we are His flock.</p> <p>10. c. They denied His humanity because they thought that all flesh was evil, which it is not.</p> <p>11. b. It does however teach us about our talents and how we should use them to support and help others, just as this child did for Jesus.</p> <p>12. b. It was originally like a Christmas Pageant.</p> |
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