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Silent Night, Holy Night

And there were...shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night...

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Sleep - ing sweet, all is bright,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Good will to men from heaven and earth,
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, While shepherds watch their flock by night,

Round you vir - gin moth - er and child,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en's hill,
Ra - diant beams from Thy face to all,
With the an - gels praise Him all the while.

ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en's bed,
Al - le - lu - ia, Christ the Son of God,
deem - ing grace, He has laid His life for us,
to our King, Christ the Son of God.

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These days Christmas is associated with holidays, drinking, parties, family get-togethers, Santa, presents, and decorating your home with a Christmas tree, lights, baubles etc. But why?

For me, it’s about remembering my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. How He was born into the world, would grow up living a perfect life, then at the age of thirty-three He would lay down His life, taking all of our sins upon Himself, and become the perfect sacrifice to God on our behalf. By doing this, He made a way for us to go to Heaven, and escape Hell, if we put our faith and trust in what He did. (Read Ephesians 5v2, Hebrews 7v27, Hebrews 9v26, Hebrews 10v12).

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9v6.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1v21.

Sadly, the majority of the world has no thought for the Lord Jesus Christ today. **The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.** Psalm 10v4.

Many people today, who are struggling to make ends meet, are pressured by their children, who in turn are pressured by their friends at school, influencers on



YouTube, adverts on TV, the internet, and the latest trends, to overspend on presents and the latest gadgets etc. Christmas has become a materialistic and costly affair.

Most children are ungrateful, and just desire more and more, never satisfied or content, which adds to the stress on the family. We talk about Christmas being 'commercialised', well it sure is in today's world, and most finding nothing 'spiritual' in it all.

Once the gifts are opened and the day has gone, for many, it's such an anti-climax. Do you feel like this?

It's just a temporary 'fix' before everyone starts rushing out to the shops again, and into the sales. What on earth is that all about? Me... me... me...! Worldliness and materialism 'on steroids', with no thought for Christ, His birth and death, and why He came.

People are like sheep, they just follow one another because it's the 'norm'. Once Christmas Day is over, millions will be queuing up for hours to get a 'bargain', for something that they really don't need, but feel they have to buy it. Why? After shopping like a 'madman', they then rush home feeling happy with themselves, and tell all their friends on social media. Just another day in the life of the human race. Have you been caught up in this rat-trap? What a superficial plastic world, with no real substance, we all live in.

Christmas is *supposed to be* the Lord Jesus Christ's 'birthday', even though He wasn't born on this date, but even so, He doesn't seem to get a look in does He? What have you given to the Lord lately, the one who gave you life?

For some reason many have even removed Christ's name from Christmas and now call it X-mas... why? Surely He's the true *meaning* of Christmas?



Christmastime is also a time full of hypocrisy; many folks turn up to whom you haven't spoken to for ages, yet now, when the presents and money are dished out, they appear like rats out of the sewer. People also attend church out of dutiful tradition rather than for spiritual reasons.

This time of year is also a time where gluttony takes place on a huge scale, day after day. People gorge themselves with food until they feel physically sick and then complain about putting on weight and eating too much!

Christmas can also be a very emotional time. We can look back with many regrets. How we were treated when we were young, or how we treated our own children, who may no longer speak to us. It's very true, Christmas can be one of the saddest and loneliest times of the year.



At this time of year we remember family members who have died, and then we start thinking of what we should have said and done before they died. It can be a deep time of sadness for many people. Can you relate to this? I certainly can.

The Christmas period is also filled with TV 'programmes' that promote and induce lust, sex, pornography, sodomy, drink and drugs etc. Feature films are shown at specific times to zone in on their prey. You're being conditioned and desensitised without even realising it.

Children will shut themselves away in their bedrooms, hour upon hour, playing computer games, surfing the internet and watching stuff on TV and their iPad's that they know they shouldn't, but because the family is so distracted with guests and the busyness of Christmas, they get away with things where normally perhaps they wouldn't. Christmas is a very impure time for many.

Christmas is a time of falsehood, 'fakers' and deceit, coupled with excess alcohol abuse, which leads to blasphemy, adultery (Matthew 5v28), even violence. Family gatherings can often turn out to be 'amphitheatres' for arguments surrounded by onlookers who catalyse the stressful intensity.



Through drink, things are often said in haste, and people get hurt, all because the booze is flowing and so are loose-lips (Proverbs 10v19, James 3v2).

Then comes the awkward invitations. You are invited to someone's house, of whom you do not particularly like, yet you know you can't really get out from going, what a nightmare.

So, will Christmas be any different for you this year?

Have you ever thought that Santa is trying to replace the Lord Jesus Christ? If not, have a look at the following very interesting information... all Scriptures taken from the King James Bible.

Isn't it interesting that the word 'Santa' is an anagram for 'Satan'? Is it a coincidence, or does someone want to replace Jesus Christ in our children's hearts?



Santa (Satan) Ho Ho Ho!!! – **Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north...** Zechariah 2v6. This verse is talking about the LORD.

Santa Claus is a blatant lie, and you shouldn't lie to your children – Read John 14v6, Revelation 21v8, John 8v44.

The modern-day Santa Claus is an American version of Saint Nicholas, a fourth century Roman Catholic (Christ-MASS!!!) bishop from Asia Minor who was noted for his good deeds and gift giving. This tradition first spread throughout Europe, and then found its way to America by the early Dutch settlers.

Since God's word warns us to beware of tradition (Colossians 2v8), we shouldn't be surprised to find the Devil right in the middle of the world's most celebrated holiday. Lucifer's desire has always been to dethrone God and exalt himself (Isaiah 14v12-15).

He desires worship (Luke 4v7, 2 Thessalonians 2v3+4). Perhaps you've never thought of it, but please note how Satan robs the Lord Jesus Christ of His glory by spreading the Santa Claus tradition...

Santa is 'eternal' - A child knows nothing of Santa's beginning. To a child, Santa has just always existed. Jesus Christ is eternal - **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.** Revelation 1v8, see also Isaiah 9v6, John 1v1.

Santa lives in the North - Tradition holds that Santa Claus lives at the North Pole, a place above the rest of us. Jesus Christ lives in the North - **Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.** Psalm 48v2.

Santa wears red clothing, a red suit - So does Jesus Christ - **And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.** Revelation 19v13, see also Isaiah 63v1+2.

Santa is always pictured as an old man with white hair and a beard - Regarding Jesus Christ the Bible says... **His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;** Revelation 1v14, see also Isaiah 50v6, Daniel 7v9.

Santa is a carpenter – Jesus was a carpenter Mark 6v3.

Santa has the ability to defy the laws of gravity and fly around giving

gifts to people – Jesus Christ gives rewards based on ‘good works’ - **But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.** Ephesians 4v7+8. See also Revelation 20v12, Revelation 22v12, Revelation 2v23, 2 Corinthians 5v10, 1 Corinthians 3v11-15.

Children direct their petitions to Santa at Christmas. Children ask Santa to answer their prayers, from healing of diseases in the world, to helping their mum get well. All our prayers and petitions should be directed to the Lord Jesus. Read Philippians 4v6, Matthew 7v7.



Santa is coming soon...! During the Christmas season it is emphasized over and over that ‘Santa is coming!’ Jesus Christ is coming ‘again’ very soon. **He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.** Revelation 22v20.

After instilling into children all year round about not talking to or going off with a stranger, parents give their children over to a man, unknown to them, dressed up in a Santa suit, and allow them to sit upon his lap. Every year ‘someone’ takes the place of Jesus in these little boys and girls hearts. Jesus loved and blessed all the children that came to Him. Read Luke 18v16, Mark 9v36+37.

Santa has power over animals and laws. Santa can make a reindeer have a red nose and fly and talk. Jesus has power over His creation - Read Colossians 1v16, Revelation 4v11. He made an ass talk and a whale to swallow a man.

Santa is omniscient. Children are taught that Santa ‘knows when you’ve been good, and he knows when you’ve been bad’. Jesus Christ is omniscient. **The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the**

evil and the good. Proverbs 15v3. **And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?** Matthew 9v4, see also John 2v24+25, Matthew 12v25, Psalm 139v12 etc.

Santa can defy the laws of physics and science. Santa can come down chimneys, and if you haven't got one, he'll walk through walls to get in. Jesus Christ is God, and He can walk through walls and 'time travel' - John 20v19, Luke 24v31.

Santa is omnipresent. Santa must be omnipresent, because he has the ability to visit billions of homes all around the world within 24 hours. Jesus Christ is omnipresent. **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.** Matthew 18v20, Jeremiah 23v24.

Santa is omnipotent. He has the ability to carry presents for billions of children. Jesus Christ is omnipotent. **And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** Matthew 28v18.

Santa has helpers called elves. Jesus Christ has helpers called angels. **Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.** Matthew 4v11.

Houses all around the world are decorated to Santa and you know as soon as you walk into one, whether that person is following Santa Claus or not. Most people put up a 'dead tree' in their house and decorate it... **Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.** Jeremiah 10v2-4. Read all of Jeremiah 10.

Santa Claus is called 'Father Christmas' – Read Matthew 23v9, Isaiah 9v6 for some very interesting verses of Scripture.

Now all of the above is too much to be just coincidence, think about it. Santa (Satan) or Jesus Christ, it's your choice.

Now I know Christmas is not really 'Christian', but it's a great time to celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ coming into the world.

All I am doing with this small booklet is getting you to think a little deeper.

Jesus Christ took our sins, died in our place, was judged, and went to Hell on our behalf, providing a way for all of us to escape this terrible place. He rose again the third day conquering sin, death and the Devil.

If you reject the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour and turn your back upon Him, Hell is the place you will go when you die. That's what the Holy Bible says.

Only the Lord Jesus Christ's blood can wash away your sins - **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.** Colossians 1v14. **...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.** 1 John 1v7.

Christmas should be a lovely time with your family, and you should enjoy it, but do not forget why the Lord Jesus came.

Have you asked Jesus Christ to forgive you of all your sins? If not, do it now.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3v36.

Only Jesus Christ can save you... **For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1 Timothy 2v5.**



If you would like more information about becoming a Christian, or about the Lord Jesus Christ, please contact the person who gave you this booklet. If there is no address in the box, please contact me the author, directly - john@timefortruth.co.uk as I would be happy to try to answer any questions you have.

Lastly... As a child I used to love Christmas, mainly for all the presents and family time together. I couldn't wait to get downstairs and see the lights, Christmas tree, and all the gifts. When I became a Christian at the age of 18, my whole outlook on life changed as I had found out the true meaning and purpose to life. Christmas to me now is an opportunity where I take time to *really* thank the Lord Jesus Christ for all that He has done, especially for forgiving me of all my sins and saving me. I had a lovely childhood, but sadly my family life disintegrated when I was in my late teens for various reasons. Today, I have a new family of Christian brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers all around the world. Getting saved, becoming a Christian, was the best decision I have ever made. (If you have a King James Bible look up the following verses... Psalm 27v10, Psalm 68v5+6, Job 19v14, Romans 7v4, Isaiah 40v11, Proverbs 18v24, Hebrews 2v11).

I hope you find 'true meaning' in Christmas this year, as the truth is in Jesus (Ephesians 4v21).

Isn't it time you called (prayed) upon the Lord Jesus?



The Gospel is... Jesus Christ took your sins, died in your place, was buried, and rose again the third day. **...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...** Acts 16v31.

**As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD
shall save me.** Psalm 55v16.

**For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and
plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.**
Psalm 86v5.

**The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all
that call upon him in truth.** Psalm 145v18.

**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved.** Romans 10v13





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