

W  
CROSS                      A Message from  
R                      The Adairsville Church of Christ  
D                      126 Summer Street  
S                      Phone: 770-773-3362

**Question:** Can we know for sure when or why Jesus was born?

**Answer:** Popular opinion says He was born on Christmas day, but the truth is nobody knows! The Bible doesn't say. However, we do know why He was born, as Jesus explains in these three statements:

*1<sup>st</sup>, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world..."(John 18:37).* Jesus came to be our King, and for those who obey the gospel and enter His kingdom (or church), He is! He rules in their lives as they submit to His will.

*2<sup>nd</sup>, "Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill," (Matt. 5:17).* Jesus came to fulfill everything written about Him in the OT. He did this by obeying it perfectly. And once that was done, He released us from the obligation of that law. Had Jesus not done that, we'd still be offering up animal sacrifices for our sins!

*3<sup>rd</sup>, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," (Lk. 19:10).* Jesus gave up the glories of heaven, took on the form of a servant, and died as a common criminal to save us from sin. And He does save those who, by faith, turn from their sins in repentance, confess Him as God's Son, and are buried with Him by baptism into His death, *(Jn. 8:24, Lk. 13:3&5; Matt. 10:32-33; Mark 16:16).*

--Steve McCaslin