

Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas

Many people all over the world celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25th. But why is the Nativity marked by gift giving, and was Jesus Christ really born on that day? And just where did the Christmas tree come from? Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas will take us on an enchanting tour through the history of this beloved holiday and trace the origins of its enduring traditions.

1. What parts of Christmas are based on the Bible (story of Jesus)?
2. What was the significance of the Yule log in Norse celebrations?
3. What was the significance of the Christmas tree in Norse celebrations?
4. Why was the pagan god Odin feared in Germany?
5. What was the Roman holiday Saturnalia?
6. What was Juvenalia?
7. What is the connection between the Roman god Mithra and current Christmas traditions?
8. How was “Christ’s Mass” celebrated in Medieval Europe?
9. Why was Christmas outlawed in England? How did people still secretly celebrate it?

10. How was Christmas handled in colonial America?
11. How did Christmas celebrations change throughout the 1800s?
12. Where did the Christmas traditions of the tree, poinsettias, cards, and mistletoe originate?
13. What were the many sources of our present-day Santa Claus?
14. Many argue that Christmas has been made into a consumable product; what are these products?