

# What was it like before Christmas?

What was it like before the birth of Jesus?

Before we answer that lets discover what Christmas really is.

Christmas is the birth of Jesus.

What was the world like before the birth of Jesus?

There was only one place in the universe that you could meet with God. You could only come to God through a priest.

The world before Jesus was a very dark place.

The God of the Old Testament had not been heard from for 400 years.

Before the birth of Jesus, God's people were under oppressive Roman rule.

Before the birth of Jesus, Israel, God's people were fractured religiously:

Pharisees

Sadducees

Essenes

Zealots

When God's people are divided, no one else is interested in what they have to say!

This is what it was like before the birth of Jesus.

Then, Jesus came! (Luke 2:1-11)

The true message of Christmas is that Jesus will give us peace. (John 14:27-31)