



The Census

I'm so glad the Christmas story begins by citing a historical event—the census in the Roman Empire ordered by Caesar Augustus. Events that caused Jesus to be born in Bethlehem, according to Biblical prophecy, instead of His hometown of Nazareth, were begun by the order of the Emperor in Rome, 1500 miles away.

It's a fact of history. Judeo-Christian scriptures link themselves to recorded history as no other ancient document does. For instance, one historical scholar has said, "There's more solid reliable evidence that would hold up in court that Jesus was raised from the dead than there is evidence that Julius Caesar ever even lived."

The Christmas story needs to be rediscovered as a story about real people in real places, who acted in real events of the past.

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