

“Christmas is Not for the Brain-Dead”

Mt. 1-2; Lk. 2

INTRODUCTION

- two very different photographs

- different gospel records

Jn. 20:30-31

1. Differences between the evangelists

- Matthew

- Luke

- the skeptic’s charge

2. Harmonizing the evangelists

- Matthew’s “photographs”: Joseph

Mt. 1:18-25

- Luke’s “photographs”: Mary

Lk. 2:1-7

+ the Roman census

+ more “nobodies”: shepherds

Lk. 2:8-20

+ Simeon’s prophecy

Lk. 2:32

- the visit of the magi

Mt. 2:1-12

- confirmation by secular historians

CONCLUSION

Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12; Acts 17:31; Heb. 10:31

Jn. 5:24; 1 Tim. 2:5; 1 Jn. 5:11-12; Acts 4:12

Mt. 1:21