



into the Melting Pot

the question is more important than the answer

Sunday 08 December 2013 - **The Christmas Parables**

The Christmas Story in the Gospels

John	Luke 1:13	
Gabriel	Luke 1:19 & 1:26	
Virgin	Luke 1:26	Matt 1:23
Son of God	Luke 1:32 & 1:35	
King (of the Jews)	Luke 1:33	
Augustus	Luke 2:1	
Census	Luke 2:1	
Joseph	Luke 2:4	Matt 1:18
Bethlehem	Luke 2:4	Matt 2:1
Mary	Luke 2:5	Matt 1:18
Engaged	Luke 2:5	Matt 1:18
'Swaddling' Cloths	Luke 2:7	
Manger	Luke 2:7	
Inn	Luke 2:7	
Shepherds	Luke 2:8	
Angel	Luke 2:9	Matt 1:20
Dream		Matt 1:20
Singing Angels	Luke 2:13	
Two (Turtle) Doves	Luke 2:24	
Herod		Matt 2:1
Astrologers (Wise Men /Magi)		Matt 2:1
Star		Matt 2:2
Nazareth		Matt 2:4 & 33
Gold, (Frank)incense & Myrrh		Matt 2:11
Egypt		Matt 2:13
Killing male infants		Matt 2:16

Not Mentioned in the Gospel Stories

Innkeeper	Camels
Lamb	Donkey
Stable	Ox & Ass
Three Kings	Casper, Melkior & Balthazaar
Midwinter	Straw
Holly & Ivy	Three Ships (Crusade Relic)

Definitely no
goose, turkey, crackers,
carols, tree, tinsel, candles,
cards, retail therapy, Santa,
wassailing, oranges with
sweets, mince pies, mulled
wine . . .

We need to understand the significance of these Christmas stories. Both Matthew and Luke write their Gospels to show who Jesus is: all of the components they include are significant. Why are they included?