

When Was Yahshua Born? A Scriptural Look at His Birth and the Feasts

Shalom Family, let's dive into this topic together and see what the Word of Yah reveals.

Every year, millions celebrate the birth of Yahshua (Jesus) on December 25th, yet the Bible never gives this date. In fact, the evidence in Scripture points away from winter and connects His birth to the appointed times (Feasts of Yah). As believers, we are called to walk in truth, not traditions of men.

Why Not December 25th?

The Bible gives us a clue about the season of His birth:

Luke 2:8 – “And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.”

In Israel, shepherds did not stay out in the open fields during the cold, rainy winter months. This makes a December birth very unlikely. The December 25th date was chosen centuries later, when Rome blended pagan winter festivals (Saturnalia and Sol Invictus) into Christianity.

But Yah never told us to celebrate His Son's birth on that day. Instead, He warned:

Mark 7:8–9 – “For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men... Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.”

The Pattern of the Feasts

Yah's appointed times (Moedim) reveal the mission of Messiah:

- **Passover (Pesach):** Yahshua died as the Lamb of God (John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7).
- **Unleavened Bread:** He was buried without sin (John 19:31).
- **Firstfruits:** He rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:20).

- Shavuot (Pentecost): The Spirit was poured out (Acts 2:1–4).

If His death, burial, resurrection, and the Spirit’s outpouring align with the feasts, then His birth also connects to Yah’s calendar—not man-made dates.

Evidence for the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot)

Many scholars believe Yahshua was born during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot).

1. John 1:14 – “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...”
 - The word “dwelt” literally means tabernacled. Yahshua came to dwell with us, just as Israel dwelt in booths during Sukkot.
2. John the Baptist’s birth timeline
 - Zechariah, John’s father, served in the temple during the division of Abijah (Luke 1:5). This places John’s conception around Shavuot (Pentecost).
 - John would then be born around Passover (Pesach)—which fits Jewish expectation that Elijah (John came “in the spirit of Elijah” – Luke 1:17) would appear at Passover.
 - Six months later, Yahshua was conceived (Luke 1:26, 36), pointing to His birth during the fall feasts—most likely Sukkot.
3. The Season of Joy
 - Sukkot is called “the season of our joy.” The angel announced Yahshua’s birth with:

Luke 2:10 – “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.”

A Note on Hanukkah

Some also believe Yahshua may have been conceived during Hanukkah (Festival of Lights), since He is called the Light of the World (John 8:12). If so, His conception would align with Hanukkah, and His birth would perfectly align with Sukkot.

Evidence for the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah)

Another view is that Yahshua may have been born on the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah).

- Trumpets announce the arrival of a King.
- His second coming is tied to the Feast of Trumpets (Matthew 24:36; 1 Thessalonians 4:16).
- Some believe His first coming, as the promised King, could also align with this feast.

While the evidence is not as strong as for Sukkot, it remains a possible connection.

Stepping Away from Man-Made Traditions

The world clings to Christmas on December 25th, but this is not rooted in Scripture. As followers of Yahshua, we are commanded not to learn the ways of the nations:

Jeremiah 10:2 – “Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen...”

If we desire to remember His birth, it should be rooted in the Word—not in pagan festivals disguised as Christian.

But it is also important to remember: Scripture never commands us to celebrate His birth at all.

What matters is this:

- We know He was born.
- We know He lived and died for our sins.
- We know He rose again.
- We know He is coming back to reign.

That is where our faith and focus should be, not in a man-made holiday.

Yahshua was not born on December 25th. The evidence points to His conception during Hanukkah and His birth during the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), with some believing it could have been the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah).

Yet, the Bible never commands us to celebrate His birth. Instead, we are called to place our faith in His life, His sacrifice, and His return.

Let us step away from traditions of men and walk in the truth of Yah’s Word, keeping our eyes on the Messiah who tabernacled among us and who is soon returning as King.

📖 Key Scriptures:

Luke 2:8–10 | John 1:14 | Luke 1:5, 17, 26, 36 | John 8:12 | Jeremiah 10:2 | Mark 7:8–9 | 1 Corinthians 5:7 | Acts 2:1–4 | Matthew 24:36 | 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Until we meet again, may we continue to walk in the undeniable truth of Yah's Word.

Shalom,

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