

the Christmas ONE

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One small baby
Whose birth is celebrated by many at Christmas time
Although...
No-one is really certain
When he was born
[almost certainly *not* December 24th, 25th or even January 7th]
Where he was born
[the tourist hot spot location – really?]
Why he was born
[God-man with a mission *or* just a man with God-delusions?]

An historical figure to some
A fantasy of imagination to others
An irrelevant childhood story to many more

One small baby
Not born with a halo around his head
[as artists would have you believe]
Not born in a nice clean stable
[seriously – have you even *been* to a farm?]
Not born into a secure family home
[so just *who* was the father anyway?]

A moral teacher for some
A spiritual guru for others
A religious leader for many more

One small baby
Who has inspired 'the nativity' to be performed world-wide
[though it often bears more resemblance to fiction rather than fact]
Who has inspired many to strive for peace
[though hopelessly and violently divided others]
Who has inspired a whole season of celebrations
[though many have nothing to do with him at all]

A blessing to some
A curse to others
A swear word to many more

One small baby
Born before the age of social media
[yet featuring in so many seasonal posts]
Born before the age of film
[yet mentioned in so many Hollywood favourites]
Born before the age of print
[yet whose birth story is told in one of the best-selling books of all time]

Worshipped by some
Hated by others
Ignored by many more

One small baby
Although...
No-one is really certain
When he was born
[does it really matter?]
Where he was born
[again, is it important?]

Why he was born
[if it matters, then make your own choice]

But no matter the when, where or why

His birth is celebrated

By many

At Christmas time

The one small baby