

Catholic Trivia 12-12-25 Answers:

1. Caesar Augusta helped to fulfill the prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. It was during the last stage of Mary's pregnancy that Caesar Augusta gave a decree that all the people had to be taxed in their own hometowns. Therefore, Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to register. When they arrived, so many other people were there, and there was no room in the inn.
2. Zechariah and Elizabeth were praying for a son and their prayers were not answered immediately. But the couple's son was to be the forerunner of Jesus. His name was John the Baptist.
3. Shepherds stayed outside with their sheep night and day the entire year. They were keeping watch over their flock by night when they saw the star in the sky. That let them know that the long-awaited Messiah had been born. The shepherds represent the Jewish people who were awaiting the coming of a Messiah.
4. The Magi came from the East and were not Jews. They are placed in the Nativity account to illustrate that there were Gentiles who welcomed Jesus at his birth.
5. The account of Simeon and his involvement in the birth story of Jesus is found in Luke 2:25-35. The Holy Spirit had assured him that he would not die until he had seen the baby. Simeon did meet Mary, Joseph, and Jesus when they went to the Temple of Jerusalem on the 40th day of Jesus' birth for him to be presented to God. Simeon took the baby into his arms and held him as he said a prayer over him.