

THE *Reason*





²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.
(John 10:22-23 ESV)

What's another name for the
“Feast of Dedication”?

Hanukkah



No Christian is required to
celebrate Christmas.

Our salvation is not affected one
way or the other, if we do or don't.

When was Jesus born?

We Don't Know

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

(Luke 2:8-11 NLT)

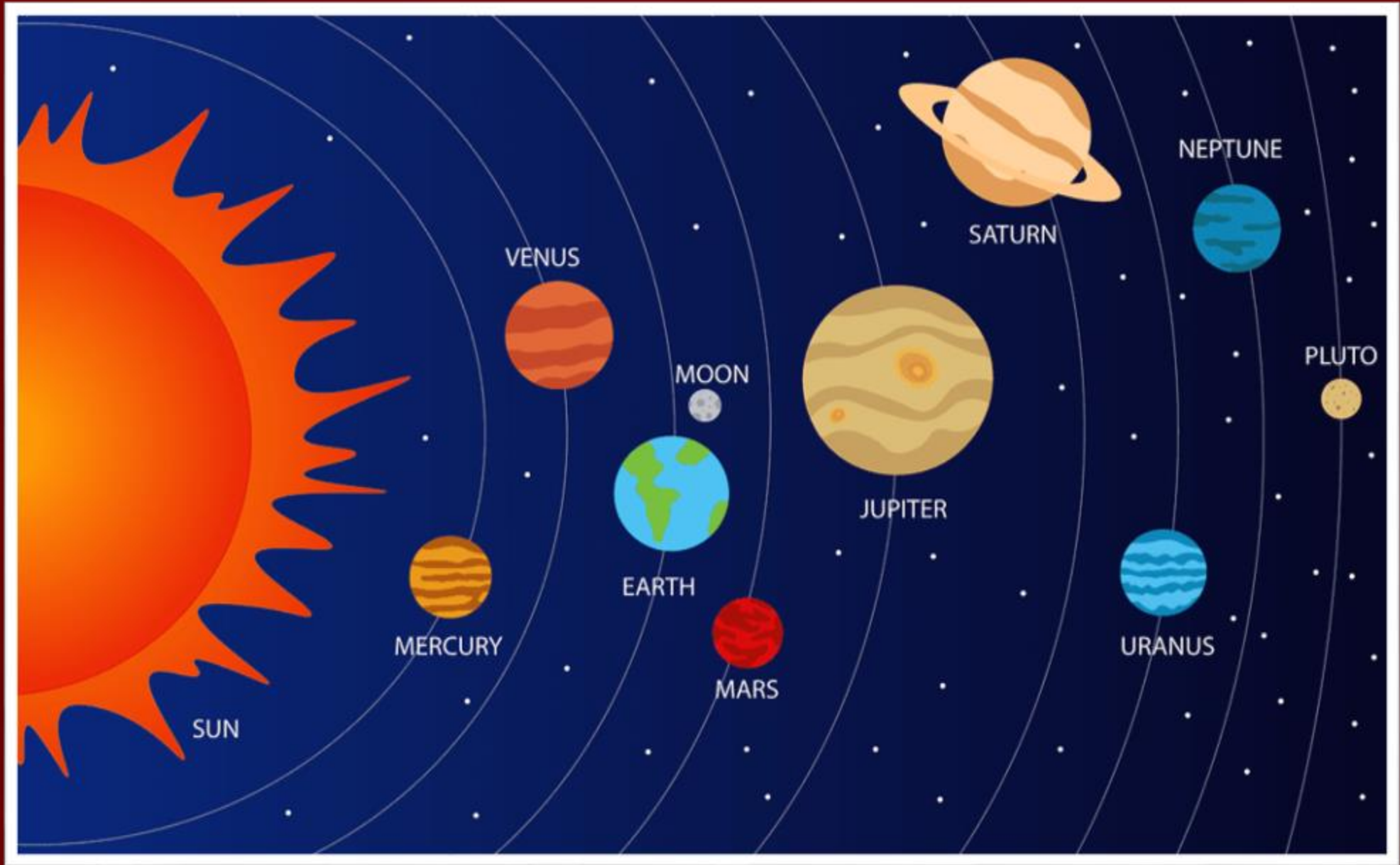
Why is Christmas on
December 25th?

“We believe that Christmas is not approved by God because it is rooted in pagan customs and rites.”

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Dies Natalis
Solis Invicti





What was the
Roman deity
Sol the god of?

The Sun



“...filled the whole world with atheism and overturned the temples of the gods...abandoned the everlasting gods for a dead man and dethroned the worship of the gods.”

– Emperor Julian

“It is more likely the Roman Emperor Aurelian places Sol Invictus on December 25th to compete with the growing rate of Christianity.”
- Thomas Talley

“Let us then keep this day with due solemnity, not as those who are without faith, on account of the Sun, but because of Him who made the Sun. Let us honour Him, incarnate, who is above the Sun that is worshipped as a god. For the Sun indeed is beautiful and great and bright, but the One who made it is greater, brighter, more excellent. Let us rejoice in Him; let us rejoice that the Creator of the Sun and all things has come in the flesh. ... Let us give thanks for Him who, though invisible, came in visible flesh, and made Himself a servant for our sake.”

— Augustine of Hippo

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Jesus at the Centre of our Creation

¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.
(Colossians 1:16-17 NLT)

Jesus at the Centre of our Salvation

For there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5 NLT)

Jesus at the Centre of the Church

²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.
(Ephesians 2:20-22 NLT)

Jesus at the Centre of our Lives

²¹ For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. ²² But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. ²³ I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. ²⁴ But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live. (Philippians 1:21-24 NLT)

Jesus at the Centre of our Years

