

#1338 America as Media-Persia, II – The 6-month change: John the Baptist was born five (5) to six (6) months before Jesus Christ, and fleshly traditional Christianity mixed with paganism had/has the birth of Jesus Christ occurring on December 25, with the birth of John the Baptist occurring six (6) months earlier

Jesus Christ and John the Baptist were related. Their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, were cousins.

Key Understanding #1: Six (6) months between the births of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born five (5) to six (6) months before Jesus Christ, but because of the way Luke 1:36 reads, it has been traditionalized by many that John the Baptist was born virtually exactly six (6) months before Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:30-38 (KJV) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and THIS IS THE SIXTH MONTH WITH HER, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.



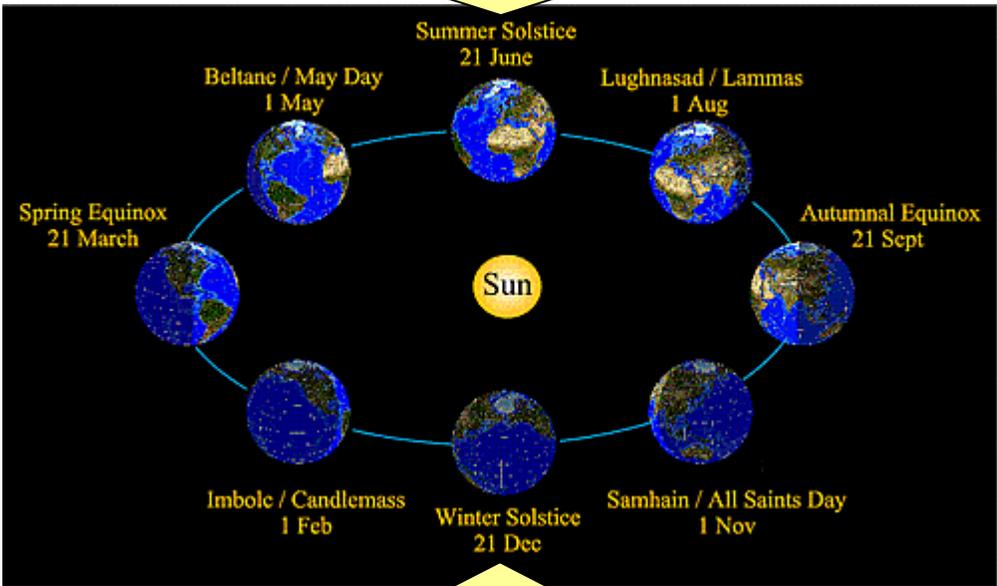
Mary tells her cousin Elizabeth the news

Key Understanding #2: The births of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ became attached to the solstices. In history, pagan celebrations of the cycles of nature, such as the winter solstice and the summer solstice – which are six (6) months apart – became attached to Christianity. The December 25 winter solstice celebration of the “birth of the infant sun” became the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the infant Son of God, and – because John the Baptist was said to have been born six (6) months before Jesus Christ – summer solstice celebrations such as June 23 Midsummer’s Eve/June 24 Midsummer’s Day were also St. John’s Day (St. John the Baptist’s Day). St. John’s Day became sacred to the Knights Templar and the Knights of St. John, the Roman Catholic crusaders of the Middle Ages.

(right) Painting of St. John's Eve. It was a tradition in the days of Christendom to have a bonfire in honor of the saint who was a "burning and shining light" (John 5:35). (below) Midsummer's Eve (St. John's Eve) bonfire.



The birth of John the Baptist is traditionally associated with the pagan **summer solstice**



The birth of Jesus Christ is traditionally associated with the pagan **winter solstice** celebration.

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