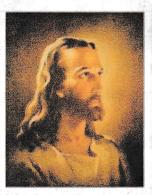
Christ's birth in Bethlehem about 2000 years ago is celebrated on 25th of December. But the early Christians appear not to have celebrated Christ's birthday. In fact, unlike with Easter, there is no New Testament record of Christmas celebrations, and no date is given for the Nativity. The 25th of December was introduced as Christ's birthday only in 320AD.



He has the most famous birthday in the world but we actually still do not know what Jesus looked like.

## **Christmas today**

The reference to the birth of Jesus "two thousand years ago" is wrong in two ways:

- a. there was no year 0, thus on year 2000 we have had only 1998 years since Dionysis (incorrectly) calculated the year of the Nativity.
- b. Dionysis's calculation was off by at least 5 years, as mentioned above.