**Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas**

People all over the world celebrate the birth of Christ on December 25th. But why is the Nativity marked by gift giving, and was Jesus Christ really born on that day? And just where did the Christmas tree come from? Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas will take us on an enchanting tour through the history of this beloved holiday and trace the origins of its enduring traditions. For example, did you know the following: pagan solstice festivals like the Roman Saturnalia were turned into a commemoration of Jesus’ birth, Prince Albert introduced the Christmas tree to the English-speaking world in 1841, or that British settlers in the New World transformed the patron saint of children into jolly old St. Nick? These questions and the following will be answered with this film.

1. What are the Biblical origins of Christmas?

2. What are some of the other origins of Christmas? How do they differ from the Biblical origins?

3. What is the purpose or role of the Yule log?

4. Discuss the origins of the evergreen Christmas tree.

5. List a few of the many different traditions from around the world that are now part of Christmas.

6. Scholars believe that December 25th is not the true birth date of Jesus Christ. If this is not the birth date of Jesus Christ, then why do we celebrate the 25th of December? Why did Christians choose December 25th as the Feast Day of the Nativity?

7. What was the origin of Christmas ornaments?

8. Discuss the class discord and conflicts of early medieval Christmas celebrations.

9. What are the origins of Santa Claus?

10. How has the image of Santa Claus been used for commercial gain?