



A Christmas Museum?

In all honesty, I struggle with the Christmas newsletter. Now, don't get me wrong, I love Christmas. I love the music, decorations, amazing food, and our focus on the birth of Jesus.

But when it comes to connecting Christmas to a dinosaur & fossil museum, I struggle. How do dinosaurs relate to Christmas? As I pondered that question, I found an article from our friends over at Creation Ministries International, written by a missionary to Thailand, which reminds us of what we should all focus on at Christmas.

He writes: "In Thailand, Jesus is largely perceived as merely a moral teacher and the founder of a religion, much like Buddha or Mohammed. If that's the idea that people



have about Jesus, and they are willing to listen to what Christians have to share at Christmas time, it is a great opportunity to try to put a different idea in their heads about the significance of Christmas. Christmas celebrations often include Santa Claus, presents, trees, and lights but it is not about any of those things. And it is not even about the birth of the founder of a religion. It is about the birth of a Savior from sin and judgment."

As we read in Scripture: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

When we lead tours through the museum, we remind our guests that the exhibits point to God's amazing creative work. But they also illustrate

the effect of mankind's sin as humanity descended into evil and was ultimately judged by God through the worldwide flood.

But God, in His mercy and grace, provided the ark to save Noah and his family just as Jesus provides salvation from the destruction of sin for those who put their faith and trust in Him.

Our museum is a creation museum as we highlight God's creative work. It's also a flood museum pointing to God's judgment. But it could also be described as a Christmas museum pointing to God's salvation from the flood which ultimately points to Jesus, the Savior of the world.

For more great resources from Creation Ministries International, visit their website at www.creation.com.

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2021 Museum Hours
10am-5pm

ChristmasDec 18 & 27

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Friday – SaturdayMarch 11-12



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Thank You!

Throughout the Apostle Paul's letters, he thanked God for other believers and their passion for spreading the good news of Jesus. Throughout this summer, we have met visitors who have brought skeptical guests to the museum to help them make a step toward belief in the God of the Bible. If you are one of those guests, we thank God because of you!

This summer we have seen record numbers of people come through the doors of the museum. We had already broken the year-end record by the end of August and have been adding to it ever since. We thank God for His provision after a difficult 2020!

We were able to open on Mondays because of all the great help we received this summer. With the addition of our assistant director, Chuck Haley, and his family the museum is now open 6 days a week in the summer. We thank God for calling the Haleys to the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum!

Field paleontologists, Tommy & Martha Lohman, allow us to offer the unique experience of digging for dinosaur bones to guests throughout the summer. The Lohmans have been working with us for several years and we trust that God will continue to use this vital ministry to further His kingdom!

As time goes, the availability of volunteers in the museum has dwindled. But thanks be to God, we have some very committed people

who help us out throughout the spring, summer, and fall. God raising up workers in the museum is a point of thanksgiving that we often take for granted, but without their help, we would have a difficult time keeping the doors of the museum open. They provide a welcoming smile and a helping hand as our guests tour the museum.

Financial donations for most ministries were down in 2020. We experienced the same, but donations have rebounded this year to pre-2020 levels. This has allowed us to replenish our emergency fund as well as start working on projects and exhibits for future installation. We thank God for all of you who have donated to the museum this past year!

We look forward to finishing the year strong and for your continued support through prayer, financial giving, and volunteering!



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