



## Press Release

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### Should we Cancel Christmas?

Australian produced TV special to air internationally

Christian Television Australia's Christmas Day TV special 'Should we Cancel Christmas', to be screened nationally at 8am on Christmas Day on the Seven Network, will also air in the UK on the United Christian Broadcasters UCB-TV and around Australia on the Vision radio network.

The special will also air at 5.50pm on the Australian Christian Channel which is carried by all three Australian cable TV Networks.

Program host Karl Faase looks at three aspects of Christmas. "We look firstly at the economic and social impact of Christmas," Karl said. "Social researcher Mark McCrindle reveals that Christmas is worth \$20 billion when you measure the economic and societal impact of the Christmas period," he said.

The program then looks at the history behind the event and Professor Alanna Nobbs from the Ancient History Department of Macquarie University explains how historians can know whether something actually happened or not.

"Professor Nobbs clearly shows us that the events of the first Christmas, as set out in the Biblical account, are reliable and trustworthy," Karl said.

Finally the program looks at how the events of the first Christmas can still affect people today. "Professor Ian Harper talks about his own journey of coming to faith and how one Christmas Day, he came to the realisation that the Christian faith was based on a real event and that he needed to make a decision to accept it or not," Karl Faase said.

The program will air four times over the Christmas period on UCB-TV which covers all of the UK and Europe.

"We have also produced a radio version which will air over UCB's Vision Radio Network on Christmas Day covering over 400 stations around Australia," said Karl Faase.

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