The following is a direct script of a short-form video teaching intended for animation. Some dialogue is conversational in nature and designed to illustrate theological concepts. We encourage viewing the video to complement the written transcript below.

Scripture Sketches: Prove It's Pagan

Setting

A cozy coffee shop in late December. A small winter-themed display sits in the background (not the focus). Luke is already seated with an open Bible and a plain mug. A second warm drink sits untouched across from him, a seasonal to-go cup with a sleeve. Caleb arrives with his phone in hand. (If movement cannot be shown, Caleb is already seated and Luke slides the cup to him.)

Characters

Caleb: Torah-observant, sincere, but confused. Recently watched a teaching that made him reconsider celebrating Christmas again.
Luke: Torah-observant, calm but direct. Genuinely concerned for Caleb and focused on Scripture-first logic.

Props / Visual Beats

Caleb's phone shows a paused video titled: "You can't prove Christmas is pagan."
Luke's Bible is open to Deuteronomy 12.
Quick cutaway visual: golden calf flashback.
On-screen verse popups with reference + short WEB excerpt (with YHWH in place of the tetragrammaton).

[Music]

SCENE OPENS

(Luke gently nudges the untouched cup toward Caleb.)

Luke: I grabbed you one.

Caleb: Thanks.

Caleb: Luke, I appreciated our last conversation, so thanks for meeting.
Caleb: I watched a teaching last night. He said we cannot prove Christmas is pagan, so maybe it's fine.

Luke: I understand why that sounds reassuring.
Luke: But it flips the question.

Caleb: How so?

Luke: Instead of asking, "Is it pagan," we should ask, "Does Scripture support it?"
Luke: Can we honestly say it does not violate Deuteronomy 12?

Caleb: Deuteronomy 12… that's the "do not worship like the nations" warning, right?

Luke: Yes.
Luke: When it comes to worship, Torah does not give us room to blend things and hope for the best.

Deuteronomy 12:29–31
"Be careful that you are not ensnared to follow them… 'How do these nations serve their gods? I will do likewise.' You shall not do so to YHWH your God…"

Caleb: But we would not be worshiping other gods.
Caleb: We would be honoring God and celebrating Yeshua.

Luke: Israel said something similar at Sinai.

Caleb: Did they?

Luke: They did.

Exodus 32:4–5
"…and Aaron made a proclamation, and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a feast to YHWH.'"

Caleb: Okay, THAT was idol worship
Caleb: But Christmas is not a golden calf.

Luke: I am not saying you are carving an idol.
Luke: I'm saying Deuteronomy 12 is not only about idols.
Luke: It is about copying the nations' worship and doing it "to YHWH."

Caleb: But isn't Christmas mostly cultural now?
Caleb: And what if my heart is sincere?

Luke: See, scripture warns us about trusting the heart as our compass.

Jeremiah 17:9
"The heart is deceitful above all things and it is exceedingly corrupt. Who can know it?"

Caleb: So sincerity doesn't make it safe.

Luke: Right. Sincerity does **not** erase risk.

Caleb: Risk?

Luke: If there was even a one percent chance this coffee was poisoned, would you keep drinking it?

Caleb: No. Not a chance.

Luke: Would hand it to someone else and say, “Drink this. You cannot prove it is poisoned.”

Caleb: Of course not. One percent is enough to throw it away.

Luke: Exactly.
Luke: That is how Deuteronomy 12 functions. It’s a warning.
Luke: If there is a real chance we are stepping into what YHWH calls abomination, we do not “risk it.” We back away.

Caleb: So “you cannot prove it” is not a defense. It is a red flag.

Luke: Yes.
Luke: If we aren’t sure, we test it. We do not lean into it.

Caleb: The teacher also brought up “Calculation Theory,” how they supposedly determined the date of his birth.

Caleb: He Framed it as innocent math, assuming he died on the same day he was conceived, then counting nine months forward to December 25.

Luke: That “math” is built on a shaky assumption and questionable motives. There’s no biblical support for that premise. None.

Caleb: I know. And it’s not like December 25 was a neutral date to begin with.

Luke: Exactly. It falls right in the middle of Roman midwinter worship.

Caleb: Which raises even more questions.

Luke: December 25 is associated with Sol Invictus—the “birthday of the Invisible Sun”—and that same date gets assigned to Messiah’s birth.

Luke: And that’s only the date. Once the traditions are considered, it raises serious concerns about origin and intent… and looks less like coincidence.

Caleb: So the point is not, “One must prove Christmas is pagan.”

Caleb: The point is, “One must prove it is not.”

Luke: Right.
Luke: If we cannot show it is clear of Deuteronomy 12, we should step back.

Caleb: Even if it's just one percent?

Luke: Mhm. Even then.

Caleb: And honestly… it seems like more than that.

Caleb: I do not think it is wrong to celebrate a birthday, or even to honor the Messiah's birth.
Caleb: But Scripture never commands us to create a new holy day for it, especially with all these question marks.

Luke: That is a fair distinction.
Luke: YHWH already gave his appointed times.

Leviticus 23:1–2
"YHWH spoke to Moses, saying… 'The appointed feasts of YHWH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my appointed feasts.'"

Caleb: And those are already set apart by him.

Luke: Correct.
Luke: And there is good reason to think the Messiah may have been born during one of them, possibly Sukkot.
Luke: So if someone sincerely wants to honor his birth, there is already a Scriptural framework for that.
Luke: We do not need to invent a holy day with question marks.

Caleb: Mhm. I see it now.
Caleb: I let the debate get reframed, and it pulled me off Scripture.

Luke: We've all done that.
Luke: So we always need to bring it back to Scripture and walk through it.

1 Thessalonians 5:21–22
"Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil."

Caleb: That actually makes sense.
Caleb: I do not want to gamble with how we worship YHWH.

Luke: Neither do I.
Luke: I just keep testing everything.

We pray you have been blessed by this teaching.
Remember, continue to test everything.
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