

Suggested Interview Questions for Adam English

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*The Saint Who Would Be Santa Claus: The True Life and Trials of Nicholas of Myra*

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How did Nicholas of Myra, a fourth century bishop, become an international symbol of holiday cheer?

How did St Nick enter history as the greatest gift-giver of all time?

Why is Nicholas associated with children?

Where did the image of Santa as a jolly, red-suited fat man originate?

Do you think it's possible to break St. Nick out of that mold? Should we?

How might a more historically accurate Santa change our Christmas traditions?

What would we be most surprised to learn about Saint Nicholas?

Is there any evidence of what the real Nicholas looked like?

How was Nicholas involved in key events that shaped Christianity?

What is the connection between Nicholas and Christian efforts to suppress pagan belief?

He is the patron of other people and professions, as well, including prisoners. Why prisoners?

What is your favorite story from the life of Saint Nicholas?

What have you concluded about the kind of person Nicholas was, based on documentary evidence and your research?

How did you first become interested in Nicholas?

What do you tell your own young daughter about Santa Claus?

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