

The timing of Jesus' arrival from a _____ perspective was ideal.

For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11 (NASB)

I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. ²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

Psalms 118:21-26 (NIV)

Christmas = “The _____ of Christ”

Life is _____, eternity is _____.

It is often difficult to see the eternal in the _____.

It is _____ that gives purpose to my moments.

My decision in the _____ has eternal _____.

“Christmas is that moment in time when God, in His unconditional love, stepped out of heaven onto earth, in order that we might one day step out of earth into heaven.”
~ Charles F. Stanley


God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Ephesians 1:9-10 (NLT)

As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it. ² For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.” Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.

II Corinthians 6:1-2 (NLT)

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But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT TIME:

Our Lives Are _____ By Time.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom. Psalm 90:12 (NLT)

Time Makes Life _____.

Now listen you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

James 4:13, 14 (NIV)

God created us for _____ not _____.

In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2 (NIV)

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. Luke 2:6

This refers to the daily _____ of our lives.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son... Galatians 4:4a

This refers to God's _____ eternal plan.

You and I don't live in a series of big, dramatic moments. We don't careen from big decision to big decision. We all live in an endless series of little moments. The character of a life isn't set in ten big moments. The character of a life is set in ten thousand little moments of everyday life. It's the themes of struggles that emerge from those little moments that reveal what's really going on in our hearts.
(Paul Tripp)

The timing of Jesus' arrival from a _____ perspective seemed very _____.

Mary's pregnancy was _____.

He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. Luke 2:5

Rome _____ the world with an iron fist.

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. Luke 2:1

The _____ disrupted all their plans.

All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. Luke 2:3

The _____ were undesirable.

...while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. Luke 2:6

There was no family _____.

She gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. Luke 2:7

A lot of other lives were _____. (vs.3)

Why does God choose to turn up in the middle of the night, in the middle of nowhere, to a couple of nobodies, in the middle of a census, to a world in conflict? The clear message is: God has not rejected his suffering people. God has not disassociated from those who are troubled, instead he stands in solidarity with them. God deliberately planned to turn up at what seemed to be the wrong time in the wrong place. God is with us! God is present in the everyday moments of life. He is Immanuel!

The timing of Jesus' arrival from _____ perspective, perfectly fit God's plan as _____ in the Scriptures.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6 (NIV)

Selection of Old Testament Prophecies About The Messiah		
Prophecy	Prediction	Fulfillment
Prophecies About The Birth Of Jesus		
He is born of a virgin and will be called Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18-25
He is the Son of God	Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17
He is from the seed of Abraham	Genesis 22:18	Matthew 1:1
He is from the tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:2
He is from the family line of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 1:6
He is from the house of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Matthew 1:1
He is born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
He is to be preceded by a messenger (John the Baptist)	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1-2
Prophecies About The Ministry Of Jesus		
His ministry is to begin in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1	Matthew 4:12-13
He will heal the blind, the deaf and the lame	Isaiah 35:5-6	Matthew 9:35
He will teach in parables	Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:34
He is to enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:6-11
He is to be presented as the Messiah on a certain day	Daniel 9:24-27	Matthew 21:1-11
Prophecies About The Betrayal And The Trial Of Jesus		
He will be the rejected cornerstone	Psalms 118:22	1 Peter 2:7
He is to be betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	Matthew 10:4
He is to be sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
The money is to be thrown into the house of the Lord	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:5
He is to be silent before his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12
Prophecies About The Crucifixion And The Burial Of Jesus		
He is to be crushed for our transgressions	Isaiah 53:5	Matthew 27:26
His hands and feet are to be pierced	Psalms 22:16	Matthew 27:35
He is to be killed with the transgressors	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
He is to make intercession for the transgressors	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34
He is to be rejected by his own people	Isaiah 53:3	Matthew 21:42-43
He is to be hated without a cause	Psalms 69:4	John 15:25
His friends are to watch from a distance	Psalms 38:11	Matthew 27:55
His garments are to be parted and cast lots for	Psalms 22:18	Matthew 27:35
He is to suffer thirst	Psalms 69:21	John 19:28
He is to be offered gall and vinegar	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:55
He is to commit his spirit to God	Psalms 31:5	Luke 23:46
His bones are not to be broken	Psalms 34:20	John 19:33
His side is to be pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Darkness is to come over the land	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
He is to be buried in a rich man's grave	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Matthew 1:22 (NIV)