

Do You Know What Time Is it?
Christmas Past: Why Christmas Was So Important Then?

Galatians 4:4-7

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• **Next Message: Christmas Present: Why Christmas Is So Important Now?**

Do You Know What Time It Is?

1. God Sovereignly & Lovingly Oversees Human History (**Daniel 2:20-22; Rom. 5:6-8**)
2. People Can & Should Understand The Times They Live In (**1 Chr.12:31-32**)
3. When You Understand The Times It Should Effect How You Live Your Daily Life (**Matt. 16:2-3**)
4. We Live In A Time Of Incredibly Contrasting Light & Darkness, Of Harvest & Dearth (**Daniel 12:9-10, Matt. 13:24-30**)

Why Christmas Was So Important Then?

1. Jesus Came To A World Of Incredible Darkness & Came At Just The Right Time (**Gal.4:4**)
2. Jesus Christ Has Had More Of An Impact On Human History Than Anyone Else
 - Massive Transformations In Human Culture:
 - ✓ Hospitals & Health
 - ✓ Universities/ Literacy & Education For The Masses
 - ✓ Codifying & Writing Many Of The World's Languages
 - ✓ Abolition of Slavery- In Antiquity & In More Modern Times
 - ✓ Benevolence & Charity- The Good Samaritan Ethic
 - ✓ High Regard For All Human Life
 - ✓ Representative Government/Separation Of Political Powers
 - All From The Humble Starting Point Of One Solitary Life: Jesus Christ
3. Jesus Christ's Entrance Into History Has Divided Human History (B.C. & A.D.)
 - B.C. (Before Christ) & A.D. (Annon Domini Latin For "in the year of our Lord") Rather Than BCE (Before Common Era) & CE (Common Era)
 - Jesus Has Changed Human History In the Past & Is At Work Today!

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. What are some reasons that we need to understand what time it is?
2. We know that God oversees history. How do you think He is working in our times?
3. What kinds of impacts has Jesus Christ's life led to in human history? Discuss how He has changed history for the better?
4. Read Galatians 4:4. How was the time that Christ came "the fullness of time"?