

Journey to Bethlehem

What Time is Christmas?

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The time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:6b-8 NIV

"When the right time came, the time God decided on, he sent his Son, born of a woman . . . so that he could adopt us as his very own (children)."

Galatians 4:4-5 TLB

Christmas Is a Time To . . .

(Luke 2: The First Christmas)

1. Release our fears.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them . . .and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid!" **Luke 2:9-10a NIV**

Your heavenly father already knows perfectly well that you need them . . . and he will give them to you if you give him first place in your life.

Matthew 6:32-33a TLB

2. Renew our faith.

(Angel) "I bring you the most joyful news ever announced, and it is for everyone!"

Luke 2:10b TLB

"It is time for you to turn to me, your LORD, and I will come and pour out blessings upon you."

Hosea 10:12b GNT

3. Receive forgiveness.

(Angel) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

4. Restore our relationships.

(Angel) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:14 KJV

If we live in the light in the same way that God is in the light, we have a relationship with each other.

1 John 1:7a GW

Weekend Music:

A Christmas Alleluia (Chris Tomlin) • Noel (Hillsong)
Joy To The World (Hillsong) • O Holy Night (Jeremy Riddle) • Silent Night (Chris Tomlin)